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WILLIAM BLEWETT,

WHO SETTLED IN NORTH CAROLINA IN 1746.

A

HISTORY AND GENEALOGY

OF HIM

AND

HIS DESCENDANTS.

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FOREWORD

First let it be stated that this effort is not intended to be a literary masterpiece or a best seller, for I doubt very much if anyone outside of the Blewett descendants will have much interest in its contents, so please understand I am not striving for any literary awards or prizes, but I am just going to try to tell you in a conversational manner what I have found out about the Blewett family in five years of research that has covered every state in the United States, many in Canada, as well as England, South Africa, Belgium, Australia and Japan.

I also want to apologize for the incompleteness of this work, which I fully realize needs and deserves a great deal more work, effort, and time, but inasmuch as I am now in my seventieth year, I deem it best to give you what I have found with the hopes that someone in every generation more qualified, more energetic and more patient will find sufficient interest to carry on this work.

Webster's dictionary defines an author as one who creates or originates, and inasmuch as I did not originate nor create any of the information I am about to give you, I, of course, could not qualify as an author, for I have merely collected, assembled, edited, and arranged that data that has come to me from all over the world in a form that I hope will reflect continuity and sequence that will prove interesting, enlightening and deserve your attention.

Historians, so someone has written, must write without mercy, without pity and without sentiment, so I am going to adhere to facts in so far as they are provable, and fiction and tradition where they cannot be denied.

It is not my desire or intent to embellish, distort, or exaggerate any of this information, or to abate, discolor, or alter any facts, nor do I desire to cast any undue reflection against anyone, and on the other hand shall try to refrain from giving anyone unjust or unearned acclaim or mention.

It must be understood that I am in no way or in any manner or to any degree responsible for any errors of commission or ommission or for any misinterpretation or misstatements of data and rumors.

It it seems to you that I have devoted more time and space to my immediate family than to others, you must realize it is merely because more information was available, and furthermore because you and others to whom I have made numerous appeals have not given me sufficient information and cooperation concerning your branch of the family, as I would have been glad indeed to publish anything that you might have sent.

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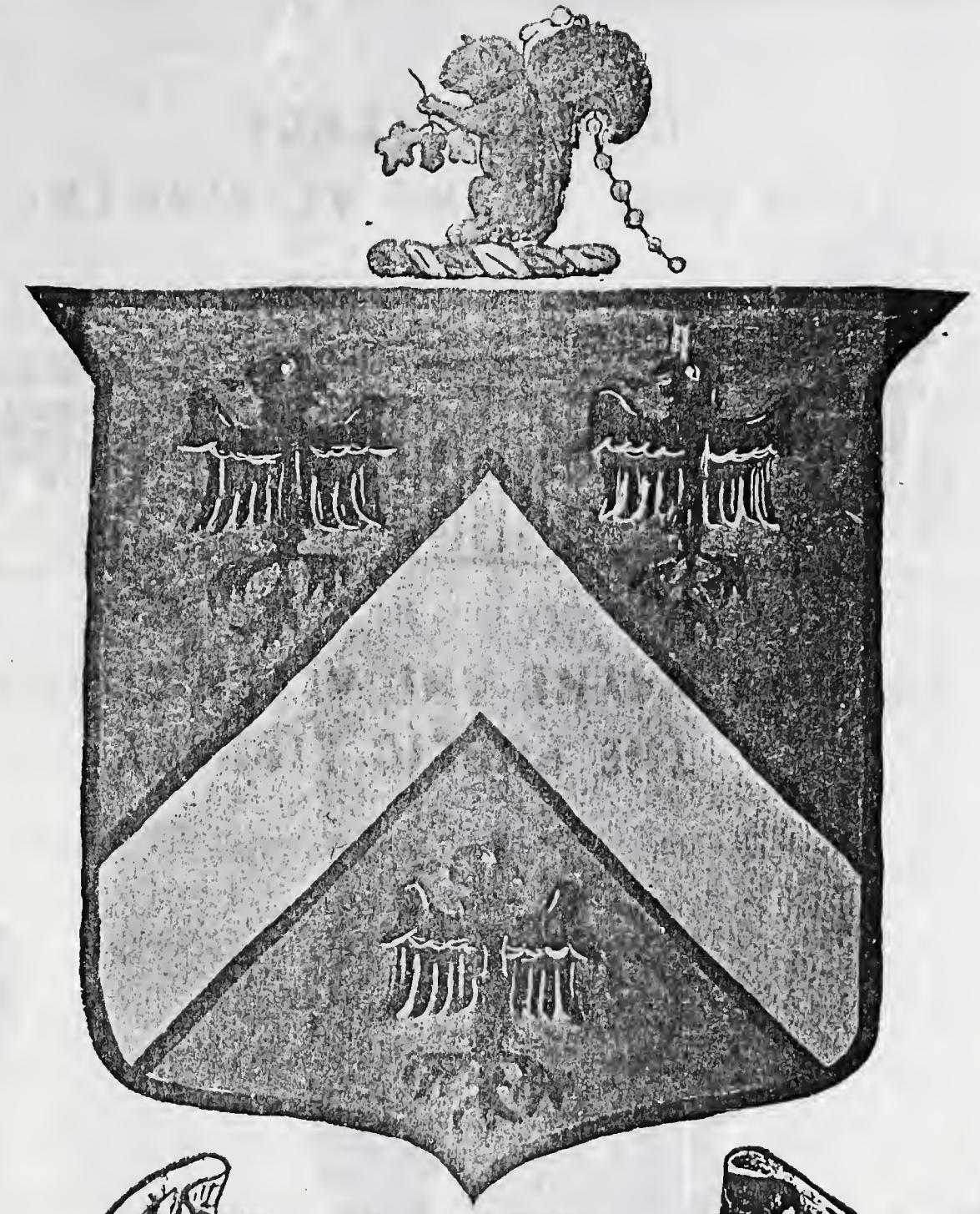
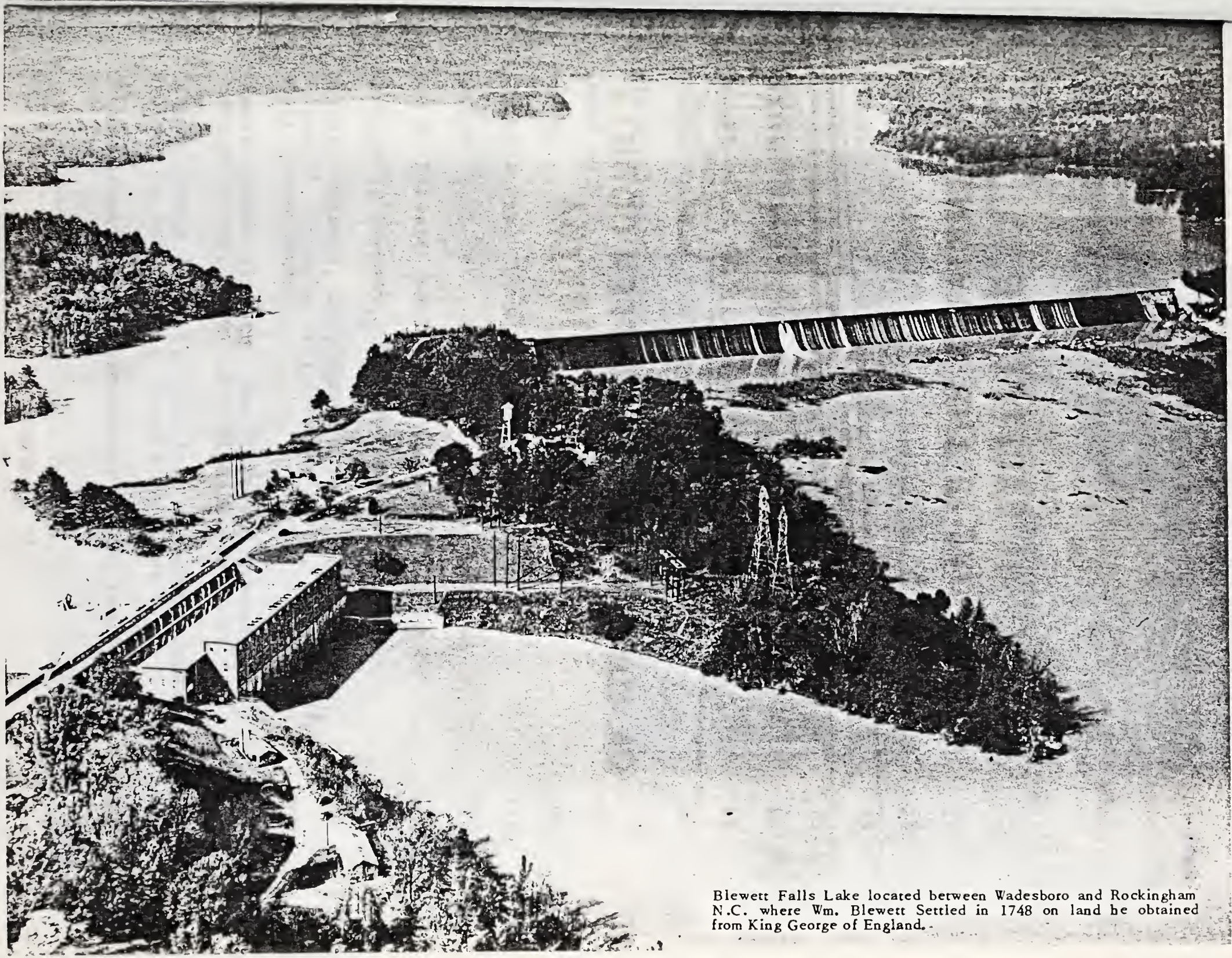
It would take many pages to properly mention every person to whom I am indebted for cooperation in this work, and then I might perhaps inadvertently and unwillingly omit someone, so I am going to make a blanket acknowledgement for all who have helped me in this work.

The 525 newspapers over the United States and foreign countries who have published my appeal deserve mention, as well as the many librarians who have cooperated, and without whose help and advice this work could not have been completed, so to all of you I say, thanks a million and God bless you.



Blewett.

COAT OF ARMS OF BLEWETTS OF CORNWALL AND DEVON, ENGLAND.



Blewett Falls Lake located between Wadesboro and Rockingham N.C. where Wm. Blewett Settled in 1748 on land he obtained from King George of England.

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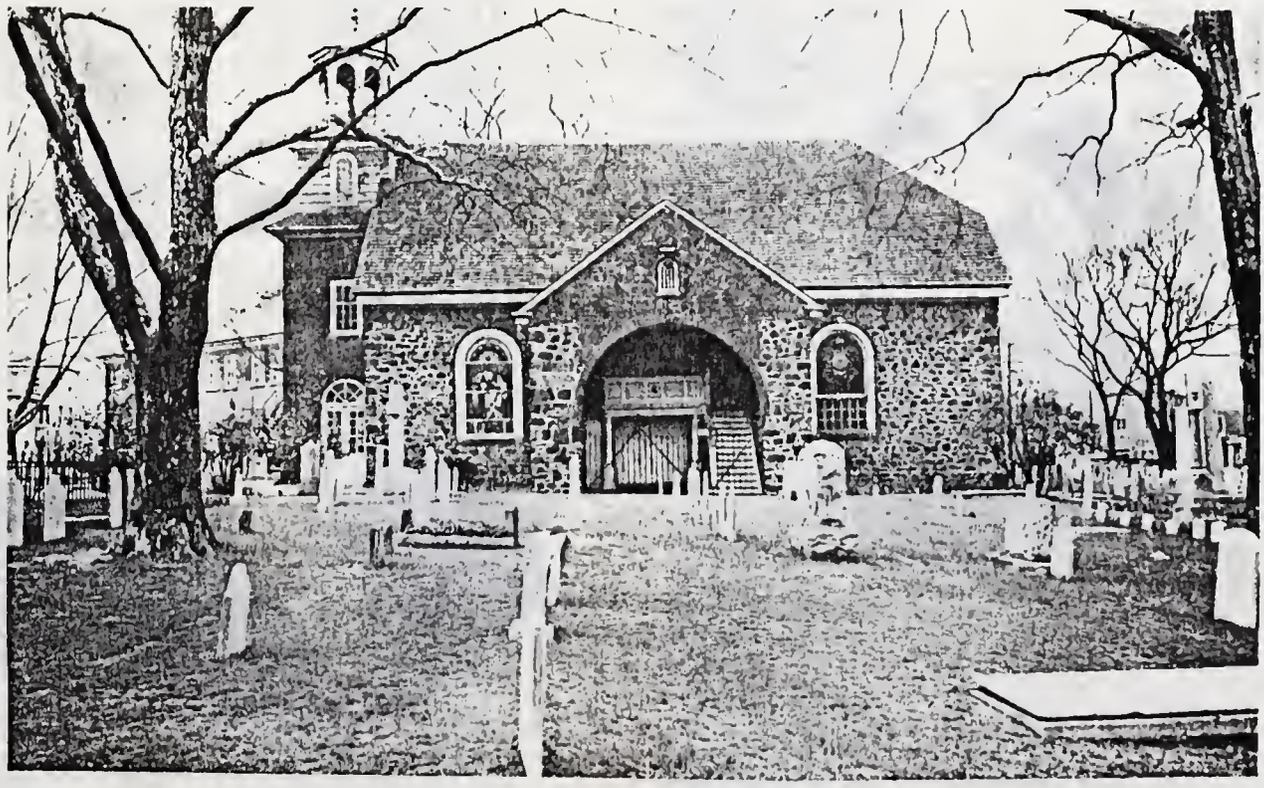

Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) Church Wilmington, Delaware. Founded 1638, present building erected 1698, dedicated in 1699. Where Wm. Blewett married Sarah Garton in 1751.

JAMES LOVE BLEWETT

MRS. JAMES C. CARROLL, NEE JIMMIE ANN BLEWETT. Now residing in Fort Worth.

Posthumous Daughter of James Love Blewett, Grand Daughter of Eli K. Blewett. Great Grand Daughter of Wm. Blewett, The First.

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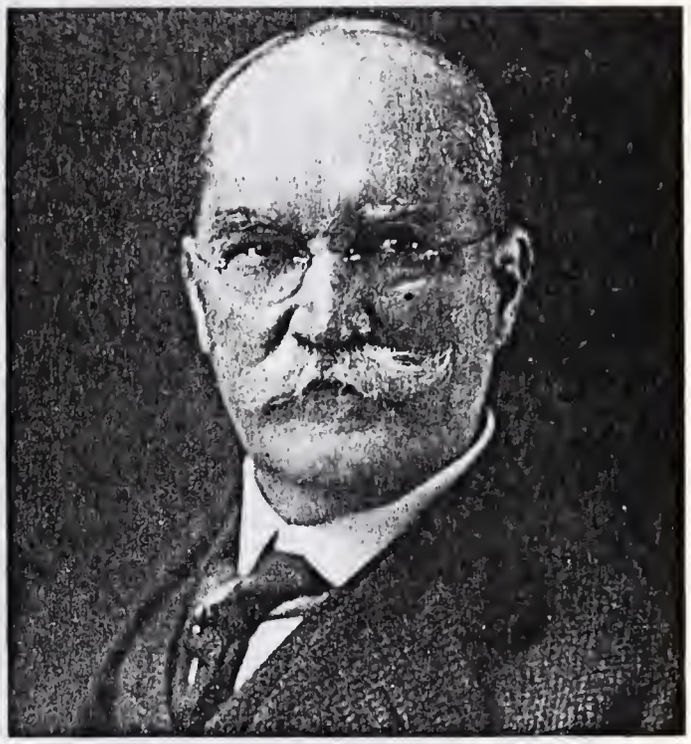

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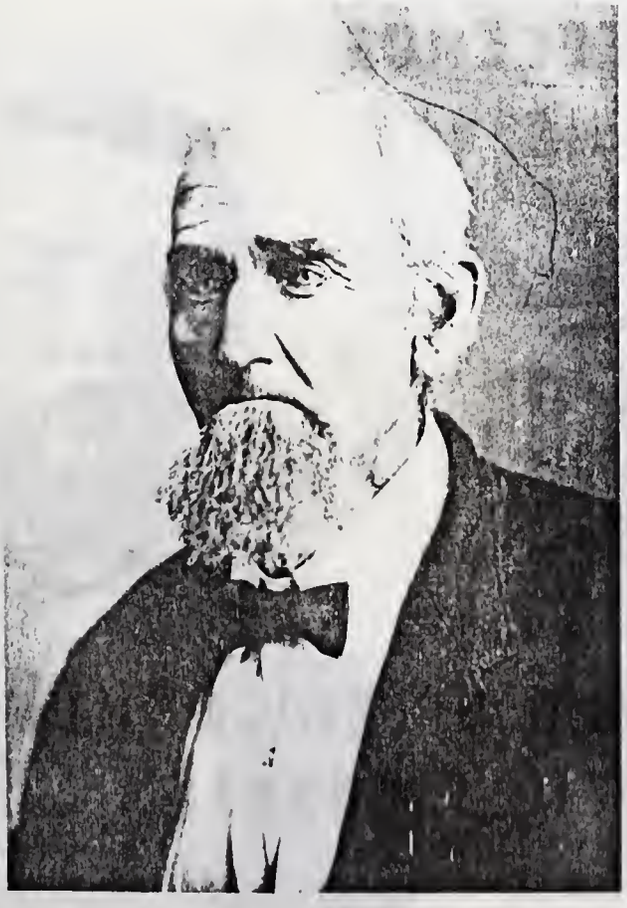

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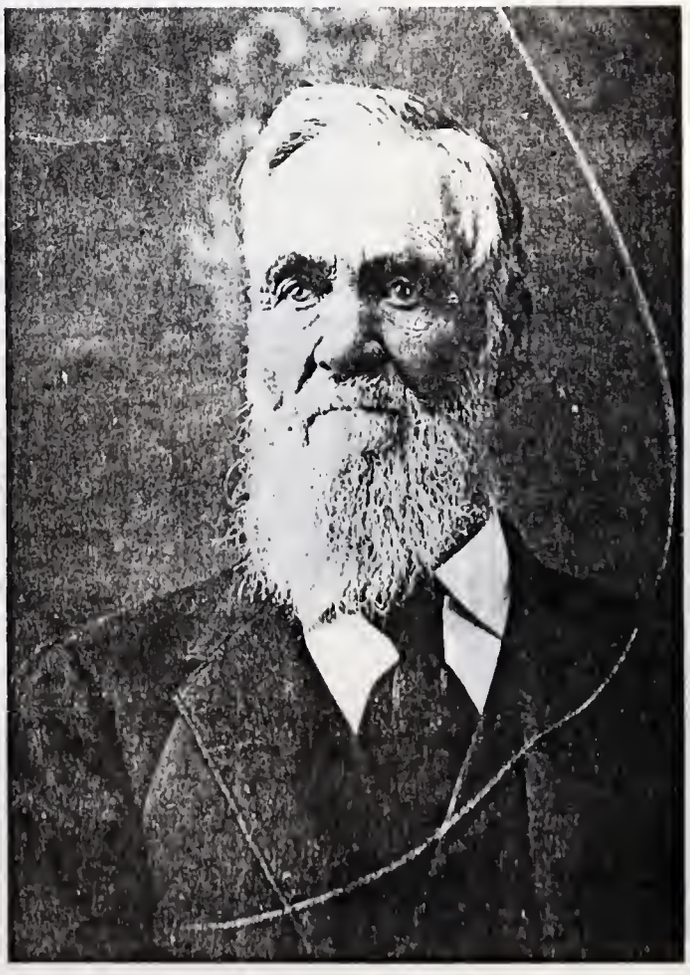

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THOMAS GARTON BLEWETT, THE FIRST
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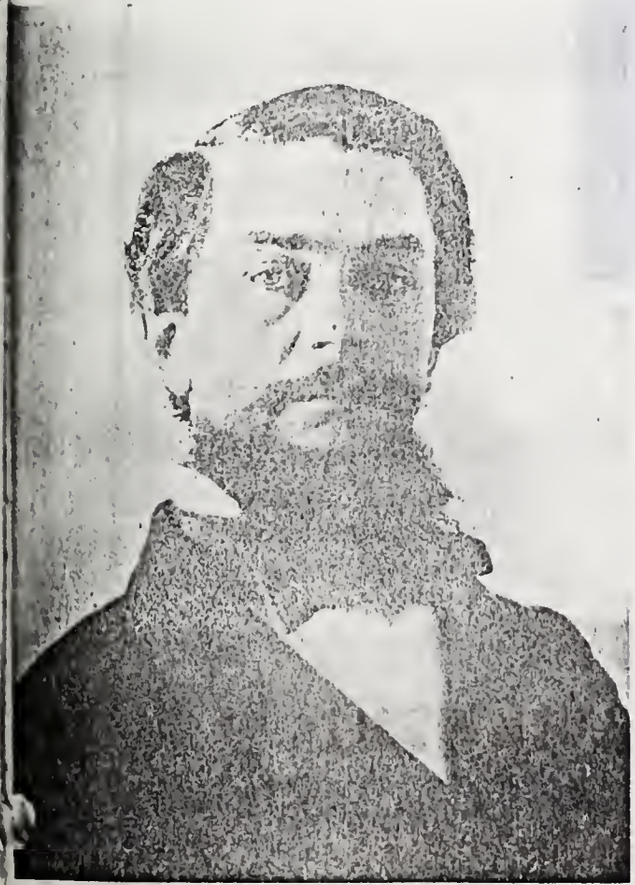
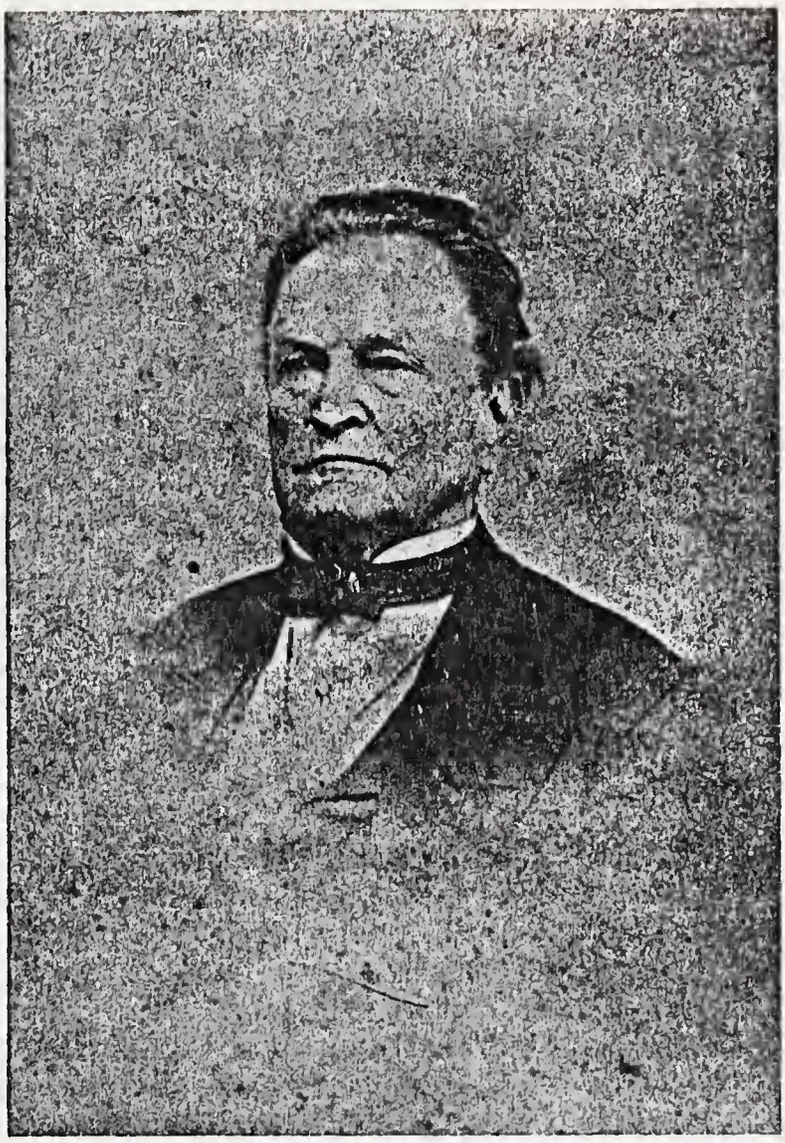


CAPT. RANDLE BLEWETT, Born 1832. Killed
In Battle Gaines Mill Va., June 30, 1862.

MARY BLEWETT CAROTHERS,
Born 1860 Now resides in Citronelle, Alabama
The oldest living relative of Wm. Blewett.



MAJOR THOMAS GARTON BLEWETT, THE FIRST.

1789 - 1871

THE QUEST

During June, 1947, when I was very busy trying to handle my part of the Texas wheat crop, my secretary was holding a phone call while I was talking on another, and then when I had an opportunity a lady's voice asked me if I was related to the Blewetts in Richardson, Texas. I said, "Yes, my father was reared in Richardson and lived there until manhood when he married and moved to Wise County and later to Denton." She then told me she was Mrs. Earl Blewett Harben, better known as Johnye, and the daughter-in-law of my cousin, Mrs. J. M. Harben (nee Jessie Blewett) of Richardson, and that she had been working on the family history for some time, and in her travels with her husband, who at that time was in the military service, she had amused herself by visiting libraries and studying the family history.

I told her I was intensely interested, and although I had never given the matter any thought or attention, I would like very much to have the data she had accumulated, so when she returned to San Antonio she sent me some very interesting information including the family history of my branch, which although more or less inaccurate was sufficient to arrouse my interest and made me start on this work in which I have since then spent considerable time, thought and effort, as well as money.

So you can see that Johnye, as we call her, is properly chargeable for this effort, and is thusly duly entitled to her share of any acclaim, merit or honor that it may deserve.

You have heard about the courage and stamina of our pioneers who braved impenetrable forests, travelled over unknown roads and surmounted great obstacles in settling our nation, but let me say that none of these pioneers have anything on me, for, I, too, have blazed paths foreign and alien to anything I have experienced before, and sometimes have met with severe and abrupt rebuke and suspicion.

One of my initial steps was to go to our library in Fort Worth and obtain a list of newspapers in several towns in every state in the Union, choosing them according to geographical location and population, and to the editors of these newspapers I sent a mimeographed letter telling them that I was trying to write a history of the Blewett family and would appreciate very much if they would publish this notice in their paper, and of the 525 letters I sent out, all were published but two.

Following this, I went to our library here, Dallas, Los Angeles and St. Louis where I found many telephone directories of various towns and cities in the United States, and these were all searched for people bearing my name, and this also resulted in many valuable contacts.

A mimeographed letter was sent to everyone explaining my purpose and asking for information concerning their family, and over a thousand such letters were sent out but, believe it or not, I received replies from less than three hundred, so it may be that some of these Blewetts can't read or write.

This quest also resulted in discovery that there seemed to be more Blewetts in the United States who are not descendants of my ancestor than there are who are descendants of William Blewett, so I am going to include a special chapter on them, thinking perhaps it might result in valuable information to some members other than my family.

The study of genealogy is at all times most interesting but can also become extremely aggravating as well as disappointing, as I have previously stated, but a

small part of the letters I addressed ever met with any response which may be properly charged to the fact that you had no information of your ancestors any more than I did before I embarked in this unchartered and unknown course.

This Quest has resulted in many disappointments and failures owing to the fact that it seems nearly every county seat has had a disastrous fire, sometimes destroying all records, and this has also been the case in searching immigration records, as they, in many cases, have been destroyed.

Another thing, I find that in other days there wasn't much attention paid to official records outside of deeds and other transfers, as no records were kept of births, deaths or marriages until recent times, and that, of course, makes the study of genealogy extremely tedious, if not difficult.

Another thing the Quest has taught me is that this work should have been started forty or fifty years ago when many people then living, who have since passed into death, could have given me much valuable information which is no longer obtainable.

The inquiries I put out resulted in much information of great interest, one of which was the following letter.

"Dear.Mr. Blewett:

A notice in the Coeur d'Alene Press re the Blewett family recalled having had a cut made of the grave of Charles C. Blewett for George C. Brimlow in his book "Cavalryman Out of the West"--published by the Caxton Printers, Ltd. of Caldwell, Idaho.
Some years ago I had the cut made from a photo of the grave of Charles C. Blewett, 19-year old scout, who was killed at Cottonwood, Idaho, in the Nez Perce War of 1877.
I happened to be State Historian at the time Mr. Brimlow came to Idaho for his research work.
The name Blewett seemed familiar to me so I looked through the book for any reference to Charles Blewett but found nothing about him except the picture.
If the Ed and William Blewett were married, Charles may have been related to them as he was buried in the City Cemetary at Walla Walla, Washington.
This information may be of no use to you but thought I'd write anyway and if I can find anything more shall be glad to help you as I enjoy research work.
Believe me, please,

Yours very truly,

(Mrs. M. B.) Alice B. Nash

Since receiving this letter, I made many efforts to obtain some information concerning the parentage of this Cherles C. Blewett without any success whatever, and even the records of the war department in Washington failed to disclose any information, so the foregoing will perhaps give you some small idea of the trememdous task that has confronted me in this most interesting and what I deem valuable work.

Since receiving from Johnye Harben the family tree, I had long intended to make a trip to North Carolina where our ancestor, William Blewett, settled in 1746, but something always altered my plans and intentions until February 27, 1951, when my dear wife, Eula Belle, and I started out in our auto on this long anticipated trip.

The name Blewett is by no means very common, but I am frank to admit that I had no idea there were so many Blewetts in the United States until I commenced this research, so in making this trip, as I have on many other trips, we always searched the telephone directories for anyone bearing our name.

Just before starting on this trip we received a very lengthy and interesting letter from Mrs. Randle Blewett Schlater of Greenwood, Mississippi, who, though not directly related to the Blewett family, was intensely interested, so we had a very

pleasant visit with Mrs. Schlater and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, of Greenwood, Mississippi. Mrs. Schlater had some interesting old family relics that we enjoyed seeing very much, and she also gave us some very interesting and valuable information and gladly accepted my request that she write a history of Thomas Garton Blewett's branch of the family, which she has most ably done and which I gladly embrace in this work.

Our next visit was to Columbus, Mississippi, where Thomas Garton Blewett, Sr. settled in 1832, on land he bought from the Choctaw Indians, and which comprised several thousand acres.

In Columbus, Mississippi, we visited with Mrs. Cliff Ottley who is a granddaughter of Thomas Garton Blewett, Sr. and the daughter of Thomas Garton Blewett, Jr., as well as meeting Mr. Sam Blewett, a bachelor about fifty years old, who now resides on and owns one of the plantations that his grandfather, Thomas Garton Blewett, Sr., bought from the Indians, and Mrs. Cliff Ottley, who was disabled and crippled with arthritis, was, however, very helpful and gave us much information, as well as showing us many relics of her grandfather, and it so happens she resides across the street from the Blewett Lee High School, of which one of the buildings was the former home of Thomas Garton Blewett, Sr.

In addition to Mrs. Ottley and Mr. Sam Blewett there seems to be one other granddaughter, Mrs. Milo McIlhiney of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and another granddaughter, Mrs. Mary Blewett Carothers of Citronelle, Alabama.

We also visited the cemetary in Columbus, Mississippi, and took photographs of the monuments over the graves of Thomas Garton Blewett, Sr. and Thomas Garton Blewett, Jr. and their wives, as well as Captain Randle Blewett, son of Thomas Garton Blewett, Sr., who was killed in a battle in the Civil War.

After spending a few days in Columbus we then turned to Charlotte, North Carolina, where we arrived in due time and found very beautiful, picturesque city with many old buildings of much historical interest, but although we searched for records there and made many inquiries, we did not obtain any information concerning the Blewett family, so after spending the night there we drove on to Wadesboro, North Carolina, the county seat of Anson County where our ancestor, William Blewett, settled over two hundred years ago, but at that time Anson County comprised what is now four other counties, but most of William Blewett's land was located in what was originally Anson County but is now Richmond County.

In Wadesboro we made further search of the records as well as meeting many old settlers who, though most cooperative and helpful, were not able to give us any information of value. While there we also visited many grave yards of which there were several, but we could not find any record of any Blewetts being buried in that vicinity.

After lunch in Wadesboro we turned east on Highway 74, and about four o'clock in the afternoon on March 8, 1951, we reached the Pee Dee River where a sign read "Blewett Falls Lake 2 Miles" so we turned in that direction and soon stood on land that our ancestor obtained by grants from the King of England in 1746 and later.

We found this to be a very beautiful country rather hilly compared to our Texas land, and mostly covered with heavy timber and many streams, so after going down this road we came to a large sign about 8 by 12 feet reading "Blewett Falls Lake, Power Plant of the Carolina Power and Light Company" and found quite a village there composed of several nice frame houses and some rather substantial houses of brick.

It seemed that about 1911 the Carolina Power and Light Company built this enormous dam across the Pee Dee River just above the Blewett Falls, which were named after our ancestor, William Blewett, and they called it Blewett Falls Lake and built an enormous hydroelectric plant there which now supplies electric power to that portion of the country.

Blewett Falls Lake is under the supervision of O. S. Anderson, with F. D. Redmond as assistand.

The next morning we visited the court house but again were disappointed in

not finding any official records, and after talking to many of the county officials, as well as several old timers, we drove back to the Pee Dee River, after obtaining instructions as to how to reach the burial site of Thomas Blewett, but it so happens we soon found ourselves in heavy forests on one of the worst dirt roads I have ever seen with deep ruts and high centers, but inasmuch as auto trucks were plainly visible I felt safe in continuing until finally we came to the Pee Dee River, and I then saw that I had taken the wrong road and was not near the grave, but I felt rather fortunate in having taken this road, as from the topography of the land I felt quite certain that this road was the one used in going to Blewett's ferry that William Blewett operated over two hundred years ago. So we retraced our steps, and in a short time, found the right road and stood before the tomb and tomb stone which read "In memory of Thomas Blewett, who died March 31, 1835 - Age 81 years." I made diligent search but could find no evidence of other graves being located there, although perhaps they may have long since become overgrown with shrubbery, as no trace could be found.

In those days each plantation had its own cemetary in which were buried members of the immediate family, sometimes near kin as well as slaves, so in this day you will find many of the old cemeteries, most of them neglected and unused fro many years, so we searched several of these old cemeteries but were never able to find any trace of William Blewett's grave, or, for that matter, have not as yet found any official record of when and where he died, as well as any official record of any of his three wives.

We did, however, find one very interesting site on the top of a small hill on which were four huge trees four-feet or more in diameter, as well as two old wells showing evidence that at some time this had been used as a home site, so with the magnificent view from this hilltop over the valley approaching the river, I feel justified in saying that this may have been where our ancestor, William Blewett, at one time resided, but, of course, I have no proof of any such assumption.

Returning to Rockingham, we made further search and finally located a record of Amy Blewett, Thomas Blewett's first wife, which showed that she was buried in the Old Quaker cemetery, but we could not find anyone who knew anything about the location until we returned home some two weeks later, when we had a letter advising us that this Old Quaker cemetery was located near Chester, South Carolina.

It might be well at this time to make some mention of the important part North Carolina played in the Revolutionary War, as it is highly possible that our ancestor had some unrecorded and perhaps important part in our battle for Independence.

North Carolina was a hotbed of sedition and sabotage, as there were many Tories as well as Revolutionists in North Carolina, and North Carolina was the first state to sign a Declaration of Independence, and the first blood shed in the Revolutionary War was in North Carolina on May 16, 1776. Our ancestor, William Blewett, was one of the signers of this declaration, as you will find later on in this book.

Along the coast section of North Carolina there was a settlement of Scotch, many of whom were men of much wealth, prominence and influence. Invariably, all of them were strong Tories. The less wealthy people in the more inland country were equally as strong Whigs, or in favor of independence, and the strife and conflict that went on among these two classes in North Carolina is most ably covered, depicted and portrayed in Tim Pridgen's most well-written book "Tory Oath", which I can unreservedly recommend to your reading, as I can assure you complete enjoyment.

Mr. Pridgen also covers the seizure of Charlotte by the Red Coats or Tories under Cornwallis, and while no mention is made in his book, I am sure that our ancestor William Blewett, suffered severely at the British Army's hands, for this plantation of his was in direct line of the march from Charleston to Charlotte.

It has been a source of much gratification that in reading of our ancestors, I have found all of them to be God-fearing, upright Christians, whose integrity and honor seemed at all times to be above reproach or question, as my research has never disclosed anything derogatory or detrimental against anyone of our kindred.

Most of our ancestors have been pillars of the church of their respective faiths,

most of them taking active part, and a few preachers showing in the past generation as well as in the present generations, and I have found no evidence whatever of any atheists, agnostics or infidels.

Most of them seem to have been Protestants and, of course, in the early days many of them were members of the Church of England, but in later years we find them Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists, and members of the Christian Chruch, and one a member of the Mormon Church.

Most of them were farmers or stockmen, possessing more or less land, but a few have embarked in the professions of law, medicine, educators and statesmanship.

By far the most outstanding character I have found was Thomas Garton Blewett, Sr., son of Thomas Blewett and a grandson of William Blewett, who settled in Mississippi in 1832, and not only became immensely wealthy, but also a man of much prominence and influence and noted for his generosity, especially to the church and schools, and it is said, as you will find in Mrs. Schlater's and Mrs. Carother's review of his life, that he had over 500 slaves and was exceedingly generous not only to his immediate family, but to many institutions, and I only regret to say it is necessary for me to record that none of his descendants ever approached near the mark he left for them.

The next most important member of the family, I believe, would be Ben T. Blewett, who came from very humble origin in Kentucky and by perseverence became not only a noted educator, but a man of much influence and prominence in St. Louis, as you will find later in this book.

The next in importance, I believe, would be his son, Ben Blewett, Jr., who was for many years Superintendent of Public Instruction for St. Louis County and a man of great prominence and reputation in scholastic work. He also accumulated considerable property as you will note later on in this book.

It will be in order for me to make special mention of Garland J. Blewett, Sr., who became District Judge in Kentucky and later in Missouri as well as his son, Charles Blewett, who also served as a District Judge in Missouri and later in Kansas.

Aside from these above mentioned I know of no one else especially noted or famous, or for that matter, exceedingly wealthy.

Another thing that is rather amusing is in the letter from John R. Blewett that you will find later in which he refers to some of William Blewett Sr.'s children being red-headed, which is most unusual as I only know of two of my branch of the family that have red hair, both being descendants of James Love Blewett; Mrs. J. C. Vaughn, nee Nettie Blewett of Wise County, Texas, now residing in Austin, Texas and Miss Linnie Blewett, now residing in Fort Worth, Texas, both having milk-white skin, clear blue eyes and beautiful red hair.

Of most of the Blewetts that I have met, the men have been brunettes with some branches of the family being tall and slender, rather rugged, and with Lincolnesque features, while other have been of more portly stature and were generally brunettes.

Most of the Blewett women that I have met and most of the pictures of those who have long gone on that I have seen show the women to be rather on the good-looking side and some extremely beautiful.

Large families have been the usual result of unions with the Blewetts, as you will notice from the genealogies in the book, -- many of them marrying more than once and many of them having twelve or more children. In this day and time we find a problem confronting us that has caused me much concern, as my grandfather, George L. Blewett, had ten sons and these ten sons produced thirteen grandsons, but only seven great grandsons and only three great, great-grandsons. Unless the male portion of the Blewett family catches up with their work the name is threatened with extinction.

While in Greenwood visiting with Mrs. Schlater, who told us to be sure and contact Blewett Lee, who at that time resided in Atlanta, he being a descendant of Thomas Garton Blewett, so when we got to Atlanta we obtained his address and called at his residence but were informed that Mr. Lee was in complete coma and unable to talk or see anyone, so again I was impressed with the fact that this work should

have been started several years ago, as Mr. Lee doubtless had much information and perhaps documents in his possession that would have been of great value in this work.

Our Quest in Savannah and many other towns in Georgia did not result in any contacts, but our next stop proved most interesting and one that I will cherish always, as in Citronelle, Alabama, we found Mrs. Mary Blewett Carothers, the granddaughter of Thomas Garton Blewett, Sr., and a daughter of his son, Allan Blewett. I was most emphatically impressed with the sharp resemblance in Mrs. Carothers and members of my family, as, although she was ninety-two years old and confined to a wheelchair with a broken hip, her demeanor and poise were indeed characteristic of the old Southern tradition, and her mind was very alert and her memory keen, so she could give someone some most interesting information concerning reconstruction days.

We spent two days with Mrs. Carothers and have since corresponded with her regularly, and if nothing else results from this effort, I feel amply repaid in having made her acquaintance.

We searched several old cemeteries in and near Thomasville, Georgia, without finding any trace of any Blewetts being buried there. We also talked to many old citizens, and none of them had any recollections of any Blewetts residing in the community, but in searching the records in the court house, we did find the following marriage liscenses; Wiley Blewett to Lucinda Everett, January 25, 1854; Augustus Blewett to Edna McLeod, January 5, 1867; John R. Blewett to Americus E. Baggett, November 28, 1886.

Deed records show transfers from John Blewett, July 12, 1834 and March 21, 1842, from Wiley Blewett deeds were on file January 9, 1851, August 14, 1855, January 1, 1856 and November 6, 1861, while William Blewett transferred property under date of November 7, 1850.

After leaving Citronelle, Alabama, our next stop was Natchez, Mississipp, where we had a most delightful visit with Mrs. Robert Hicks Parker, daughter of James Edward Bush Blewett, and a great grand-daughter of Garland J. Blewett. I had often heard my father speak of this family, and, of course, was delighted to make her acquaintance as well as the widow of her brother, Captain Charles Blewett, and his daughter, as they were most attentive and Mrs. Parker was kind enough to take us on a tour of the old homes in Natchez as well as introduce us to the present owners of these Historic Homes. After spending two days in Natchez, we returned to Fort Worth having completed a trip of over 3,000 miles.

Many years ago some friends of mine were touring the Pacific Northwest and sent me a picture postcard of Blewett Pass, but I never obtained the location of this Pass until I was in Portland, Oregon, in 1950, when some friends asked me if I was related to the Blewett family for whom the Pass was named, and, of course, I was delighted when they showed me the location of this Pass.

If you should by any chance go to the Pacific Northwest, let me urge you to visit the region in which Blewett Pass, Blewett Village, and Blewett Mountain are located in Eastern Washington about sixty miles southeast of Cle Elum. You will not only find an additional thrill in visiting a real Ghost Town, such as the village of Blewett has now become, for at one time it was a thriving village of four or five hundred people and many houses, but now only ten or twelve people reside there and most of the houses have fallen down or are in a very delapidated condition. In walking through the Ghost Town of Blewett you can in a moment of retrospection find full field for the play of your vivid imagination.

Upon returning home I immediately contacted the Chambers of Commerce and newspapers in the vicinity of Blewett Pass and Blewett Village which resulted in some most interesting information that became so extensive that I am including this in a separate chapter, which I am sure you will find highly enlightening, although we feel quite sure that the Ed and Bill Blewett were not related to my family.

This work has brought me some rather amusing, as well as distressful experiences as after corresponding with one family of Blewetts, they wrote me that they were colored people, and, although they did not know, they thought that their ancestors were slaves of some of the Blewett family in Kentucky or Missouri, although most of the

spelled their name "Bluit."

Most of the contacts I have made have been most pleasant and cordial, exhibiting a degree of refinement and culture creditable to the name, so you can understand how deeply I was hurt in receiving the following letter:

Mr. G. E. Blewett

Dear Sir:

I am returning the materials received from you as neither I nor my family care to have part in your project.
We have been warned that this can be part of a bunco game and while we do not discredit your probably honest effort, we are told such an approach is second only to the pidgeon drop. We keep records of our particular line which have no connection with the family you represent. We are too busy taking care of the present generation to worry about the past one.

Mrs. B_____(the name was not signed but pasted on from a separate clipping.)

To the above letter I replied as follows:

Dear Mrs. B.:

The letter of June 5th which you did not have sufficient intestinal fortitude to sign would be an insult were it not so ridiculous and absurd as to be asinine and so much so that I deem it proper to give this letter space in my book.
I have been informed that there are people in your state using the name of Blewett who have no legal or blood right to do so, so perhaps you are one of them.

G. E. Blewett

In searching through over a thousand telephone directories covering nearly every state in the Union, I, of course, found many Blewetts and nearly as many Bluetts, also a few Blewitts, and a few Bluitts, and I found one Blewette which is the first time I have ever heard of our name being spelled in that manner, and although I addressed several letters to this party none of them met with any response.

It is also interesting to know, as you will find in histories of different families in this book, that the Civil War divided many families, and some brothers fought on the Union side and others on the Confederate side in the same battles, and it is highly possible that one brother may have wounded or perhaps killed his brother in some of these engagements.

Among the descendants of the Blewetts who fought in the Civil War were Gen. S. D. Lee, Major Gen. Thomas Garton Blewett, son of Thomas Garton Blewett, Sr., Capt. Randle Blewett, who was killed in a battle in Virginia, and Edward Blewett, who was killed in a battle at Corinth, Mississipp. You will also note that Garland J. Blewett, Sr. was compelled to leave Kentucky on account of his sympathies and removed to Missouri.

WAR BETWEEN THE STATES (CIVIL WAR)

BLEWETTS SERVING IN CONFEDERACY

From Missouri:

1. EDWARD M. - Company 1, 2nd Regiment, Missouri State Guard.

ll. E. C. - Company E, 1st & 4th Consolidated Missouri Infantry.
lll. Edward - Company C, 3rd Battallion, Missouri Infantry.
lV. Edward M. - Company B, 6th Missouri Infantry.
V. E. K. - Company E & H, 4th Missouri Infantry.
Vl. William - Company H, 4th Missouri Infantry.

From Kentucky:
1. Howard M. - Company L, 2-(DUKES) Kentucky Calvary.
ll. James - Company B, 7th Kentucky Calvary, also Co., B, GANO'S Squadron, Texas Calvary.
lll. Randall W. - Company A, 9th Kentucky Mounted Calvary.
lV. Thomas - Company B, 7th Kentucky Calvary.
V. Thomas W. - Company A, 9th Kentucky Mounted Calvary.
Vl. T. H. W. - Company L, DUKES KENTUCKY CALVARY.
Vll. William B. - Company B, 7th Kentucky Calvary, also GANO'S Squadron, Texas Calvary.
Vlll. W. R. - Company A, 9th Kentucky Mounted Infantry.
lX. W. T. - Company A, 9th Kentucky Mounted Infantry.

From Virginia:
1. John - 8th Virginia Infantry.

From Texas:
1. William - Company 4, 13th Texas Infantry.

From Mississippi:
1. Randall - Company C, 2nd Battallion Mississippi Infantry.

BLEWETTS SERVING IN UNION ARMY

From Missouri:
1. John C. Blewett - Company N, 8th Missouri Calvary.

From Kentucky:
1. Garland J. Blewett, Adjutant - 12th Kentucky Calvary.

FICTION AND FACTS

With the great lack of official redord or the later destruction of them, much of the information I have obtained cannot be supported, nor, on the other hand, can it be refuted, so this calls for a special chapter. I shall embrace much of the hearsay, rumor, tradition and fiction as well as a certain amount of fact. You must keep in mind it is most difficult to determine at this late date and from the rather incomplete records just what is truth and what is tradition, and just where fiction ends and facts begin, so I am giving this to you and you can arrive at your own conclusions.

One very interesting letter is one received from Miss Lizzie M. Blewett of Franklin, Kentucky, who seems to be a descendant of Eli K. through his son, Eli H. but just why she added the final 'e' I do not know, as I only found one other person who so spelled their name.

"TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN"

The following history of the Blewette Family was told to me by my grandfather, Eli H. Blewette, on the porch of his daughter's home (Mrs. J. A. Robet) in Hillsboro, Texas, during May 1901.

"During the latter part of the 17th or beginning of the 18th century when people from Europe were coming to America seeking homes - - a ship was wrecked off the New England Coast. Almost, if not all the passengers were lost except an old sailor and a little boy about two years old whom he rescued and kept afloat on a piece of driftwood. He, of course, knew nothing of the child except he had seen him with his parents on board and they were French. His clothing was marked with the word, "Blewette", which they took to be his name. In French it means "Corn Flower." "

The Quakers reared him and he is the ancestor of the Blewett family in America. He was named John after the Captain of the ship which went down.
The name was formerly spelled "Blewette" but later many dropped off the last letter. My grandfather did not know the reason for it. Grandfather got his information from his grandmother, who lived to a very ripe old age and whom my father remembered. She distinctly remembered hearing the firing of the cannon at the battle of Bunker Hill. She married either the son or grandson of the original John Blewett (I forget which).
Eli H. Blewett died in 1907 at the age of 86. My father, John S. Blewett, died in 1933 at the age of 86.
It seems I am the only one who is interested and to whom he told the family history in detail.
I mean to rewrite this but things are uncertain and all the time we can be sure of is the present and I want my family (and Joseph)

to have the record.

Lizzie M. Blewette,
March 9, 1936

As a small lad I recall hearing my father state that someone had told him that a family of Blewetts left England in a sailing ship, but while at sea a plague or disease broke out on the ship killing some of the crew and many of the passengers. Among them was this entire Blewett family consisting of father and mother, three girls and five boys, with the exception of two boys who landed on the South Carolina coast, but when in Charleston recently I searched the immigration records back as far as 1700 without finding any such trace.

This tradition, however, might be supported by the fact that one James Blewett married Elizabeth Dawson in the Old Swedes Chruch in Wilmington, Delaware, June 21, 1769, or eighteen years after our William Blewett married Sarah Garton, but my efforts to locate some trace of this James Blewett or his descendants have at this writing been fruitless.

Mrs. Dent Smith of 314 South 4th Street, Frederick, Oklahoma, writes;

> "The first Blewetts that came to America were a mother and her two-year old son, but the mother died at sea, and the captain of the boat found a handkerchief embroidered with the name Blewett, so the boy was called John Blewett, and the state of Virginia raised him."

So far, genealogists searching the records in Virginia have found no trace of any such person.

Some of the Blewetts in England have written me that tradition there stated the family originated in Normandy, France, and while on board a ship to England it was wrecked and all on board were lost excepting one sailor and one small boy. The boy was so blue from cold and exposure that they called him Bloet which interprets "the little blue one," and this name was later changed to the English spelling of either Bluet or Blewett.

This seems to be supported also by a letter from Mrs. R. C. Blewett of 4297 So. 27th Street East, Salt Lake City, Utah, whose husband is an elder of the Church of Latter Day Saints.

> "Mr. Joe Blewett, who is blind, lives here and we went to see him recently reading him the material you had sent us, and he said the family came from France about 900 years ago and the ship got wrecked along the Cornish Coast, and they settled there.
> In Richard Cromwell's reign two Blewett brothers went to battle and one of them unintentionally killed his brother, and he was so overcome with grief and remorse that he was allowed to behead the captured king to assuage his grief.
> A Lt. Blewett was with Lord Nelson in the English Navy in his battle on the Nile."

Mrs. Nettie Blewett Sherbon of 1503 State Street, Pullman, Washington, writes as follows;

> "My grandfather, being interested in the Blewett fortune, had traced the family and sent lawyers to London to prove relationship and claim the fortune. The story is that the lawyers all came back very wealthy, but as far as I know none of my ancestors ever had much of a fortune of any kind from anywhere. Also told about the rock quarry and the stone blocks in the heart of London, also of tons and tons of silverware and two noblemen's estates.

The boy that was deported for cutting the switch (see John Blewett's letter) was said to be my grandfather's cousin, but I cannot believe this, as he would have been about eighty years younger than this William Blewett, but they must have been related, for the story of this deportation and being bound out to the tailor has been in my family."

Concerning the Blewett fortune, there seems to be much information missing, although I do believe that it is a well established fact that there was a large estate that went into chancery in England but has long since been taken over by the English government.

One story came from Edward James Blewett of 11 Wesley Street, Heamoor, Cornwall, England, who said his ancestor was William Abuel Blewett, who was born in North of England, and his son, William, went to America and became very wealthy, later returning to England in his old age where he died without leaving any will. His relatives, not being educated, the fortune was not claimed, so it all went into chancery. Through the generations since several of my relatives have tried to get this fortune without success.

Inasmuch as I have not been able to find any official record of the death of William Blewett or his place of burial, it may be that he is the one referred to in the above letter, although I cannot believe he ever accumulated any sizeable estate, and while I have, of course, no thought or idea or desire to claim any part of this estate, I would certainly like to know if this is our William Blewett.

Others have written me that at one time a Blewett family owned what is now Trafalgar Square in London as well as the ground on which the House of Parliament and other important buildings are located.

One Blewett descendant wrote me;

"My father, John Blewett, came to America in 1877 and settled in Pennsylvania, and there were some tragedies in his later life that caused me to cease the game of following the Blewett name, as there are some who took my father's name who have no legal or blood right to bear it."

Miss Eileen Stephens of 36 Caldwell Road, Penzance, Cornwall, England, writes me as follows;

"My mother's brother, Thomas John Blewett, has been missing since the first day of World War 1, and although we have tried through many channels to locate him, we have never had any success whatever."

So if any of you who read these lines should happen to have any information concerning this Thomas John Blewett, please pass it on to this dear lady.

One of the letters I have obtained in my search comes from one William Blewett of 3 Colinsey Road, Treneere Estate, Penzance, Cornwall, England, and it is so interesting that I am going to quote it verbatim;

"Dear Mr. Blewett:

It gave me very great pleasure to receive your letter of September 19th. Without the slightest doubt you and I are really related and in the same category as I implied in my previous letter to you. We are two great, great, great grandsons of two brothers Blewett. My late father spent quite a bit of time and expense when he was a young man in trying to fix our family tree. I may add he was about first of the family to be really educated. My grandfather having a large family found it difficult in maintaining them, so his elder

brother, Moses, who had no children, adopted my father, had him schooled until he was 16 years old, and then took him into his business to attend the bookkeeping and accountancy work. He was a fine scholar and I may say without boast one of the finest penmen that has ever lived. He could write with a pen in longhand at the rate of 36 words a minute for hours, he could write "The Lord's Prayer" with all capital letters and his name and address on the back of a postage stamp and with the naked eye, how as previously expressed he tried to fix our family tree and had to give it up as it was getting too expensive. He told once as a small lad lots of the family tree and I well remember he got well into yourside of the family. As soon as I saw the name of Sarah Garton it revived many things. This lady would be your great, great, great grandmother. I cannot give you the real facts, I wish I could, (Father got fed up and destroyed the papers) but I can assure you, Father got back to 1066, when the original William (I forget the name in French) Bloet - that was the name then. He came over to England with William the Conqueror from Normandy, so you will see we belong to the Celtic race. Seeing your ancestor was a William Blewett I shoudl like to tell you it was a family tradition throughout the ages to have a son named "William the Conqueror." My late father was a William, I am a William, my elder son is named William Joseph, so you will agree we are trying to maintain the family tradition. I may say I had the story of your ancestor and the tree told me many a time, when I was a small boy (as I was very fond of cutting a branch of a tree). Apparently what did happen my Grandfather told me, was this; The tree that the top portion was cut from was a tree (an evergreen) that had been brought from a foreign country to grow at the entrance to the "Squires" drive. It is still there, it's a kind of spruce or fir. I have cut several pieces from it there for a Christmas Tree for my children, in fact, have had a piece from it every Christmas since 1914. My late father often used to smile when he saw me cut a piece from it - he has cut plenty from it. I may say I had a couple of hours chat in 1938 with an old chap named Hollon, he was 102 years old and he had a wonderful memory and knew my great, great grandfather and great grandmother both very well. He told me the story of the tree, but he added this story to it which is supposed to be fact. It appears that at the Squires drive a ghost used to appear and that William Blewett on his way home in the dark cut this branch from the tree so that if he met the ghost he could clout it. Apparently he did meet something which he took to be the ghost and clouted it, according to the further part of the story, this so-called ghost was the Squires daughter, who it appears, was having secret meetings with some secret swain. It was a case of the young lady being injured and yound William Blewett was accused of assaulting her and was deported from the country on a kind of slave ship. According to what I was told he landed at a small port called Jacksonville, at that time a trading station. He apparently found work with some farming people for a time and afterwards he managed to get further inland and apparently made good as also did his son. I believe according to what I can remember he went prospecting, as all families at that time had a knowledge of both tin mining and farming. It appears they used to work on the farms in the summer and in the mines in the winter. Yes, there are many families of Blewetts in U.S.A. and Canada. I know scores in Akron, Ohio and Michigan, but no relatives of ours. None of these other Blewetts that wrote you from this district have any connection with our family. I know them all very well, but no connection, in fact, I don't know where they get their names. They were Blewit and Bluet when I was a child, ours was the only Blewett.

I knew as a child and it was always impressed upon me as a child by my late grandfather that my name was spelled BLEWETT. I have heard the story of the land, Trafalgar Square and Charing Cross Station. My father went through that matter. He was called BLEWIT. I believe, if I remember, they could never trace any relation of his. It appears he came from Northern Europe. Re The Right Honorable Winston Spencer Churchill's Memoirs, I have written him asking him some particulars, also if he can favour me with a copy of that particular photograph. I told him I was a Sergeant William Blewett during the Boer War, also father's uncle served in the Boer Was as a Sergeant William Blewett. It may have been the latter, I don't know, therefore, cannot say. As soon as I hear from the Hon. Winston I will let you know what he says. I know him well and have written and received letters from him. I am trying to gain recognition from him for a capture I made during the past war."

Another very interesting fact came to my attention a few years ago in reading Honorable Winston Churchill's Memoirs, published in Life Magazine, in which there was a full page, colored photograph of Sergeant William Blewett, and since I have tried diligently to obtain some information as to why this signal honor was conferred on Sergeant Blewett, as well as to obtain some history of his family, but so far neither of these efforts have produced results.

The resemblance of this Sergeant Blewett to members of my immediate family is most striking, as it is also to other Blewetts of more distand relation, who are also tall and angular and rugged features such as this Sergeant Blewett had.

You will note in reading the history of our ancestor, William Blewett, found in another part of this work that he did not serve in the Revolutionary War, which, I am sure, was caused by his age, for if he was born in 1719, he would have been fifty-six years old when the Revolutionary War started, and, also, if he was a Quaker, that also excused him, but you will find in his biography conclusive evidence that he was not a member of the Quaker Church.

You will, however, find evidence that he contributed to the success of the colonies in their effort to win freedom by supplying certain commodities and services, as well as being a justice of peace, so if any of you descendants of William Blewett desire to become a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution or the Sons of the American Revolution, you are eligible for membership, and in order to assist you in obtaining admittance to these two organizations you might refer to my membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, national No. 74393, Texas state No. 905, for by referring to my application you will find sufficient genealogy and evidence to support your application for membership.

It has been said that twins are more or less hereditary, and you will note in reading the genealogy of the descendants of William Blewett that twins appear in several families, among which is my great-grandfather, James Love Blewett, who produced twins, although none other of his brothers or sisters had twins so far as I know.

None of his children produced twins either, but his grandson and my father, George Henry Blewett, produced two sets of twins, although none of his brothers or sisters had any twins, so this causes some anxiety among his grandchildren.

Mrs. Gordon Blewett, 17605 Schenley Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, sent me a genealogy of her family obtained from her mother-in-law, Mrs. Ernest Blewett.

Ernest and Elizabeth Blewett arrived in Cleveland in 1923 on SS Adriatic, bringing seven sons and daughters.

In addition to this genealogy, Mrs. Blewett states as follows:

"The father of Henery Blewett, grandfather of John Blewett and great-grandfather of Ernest Blewett (her father-in-law), owned stone quarries near Trafalgar Square, and Trafalgar Square is on property, which, at one time, was owned by the Blewetts but lost in chancery.

In 1922 there was an advertisement in the News of the World

for heirs of the Blewett family. Ernest Blewett followed it through, but it meant going to Australia and since he had all the plans made to come to America, he let it drop."

If any of you Blewetts want to do some travelling and spend some money, you might write to the Regestra in Cornwall, England.

Trafalgar Square, as you will note, is the most important commercial center and probably the most valuable property.

Another very interesting article I found in "Cradle of the Republic Jamestown and James River" by Lyon Gardner Tyler, page 133, as follows:

"Falling Creek was the site of the first iron works in America, for in 1619 Sir Edwin Sandys informed the London Company that one Mr. King and fifty persons had set up this iron works at Falling Creek and the same year reported they employed one hundred and fifty expert workmen, and the cost of the plant was $100,000.00."

A Captain Blewett was first in charge of this plant but was killed in an Indian massacre in Jamestown, in 1622, but further information seems to be unobtainable, as genealogists working fro me in Virginia have been unable to find any trace of this Captain Blewett or his descendants.

Upon Captain Blewett's death, John Berkely was put in charge of this plant, and the iron was made of bog ore found there, and no better iron was ever made than produced by this plant, but it seems this plant was destroyed by the Indians in 1622, and all were killed excepting one boy and girl who managed to escape, but further information seems unobtainable.

Another very interesting article was furnished me by the genealogists as follows:

"The name of Blewett does not occur in the (first or) 1790 Census of Virginia.

In the Maryland Census of 1790, I find the name Viney Blewit, Queen Ann's County.

In the 1790 Census of North Carolina, I find the names of two men; Thomas Blewit, aged 45, Fayette District, Richmond County, and William Blewit, aged 37, Fayette District, Anson County."

Thomas Blewit was pastor of Episcopal Chruch as follows:

Dover, Kent County, Delaware	1745 to 1749
Milford, Delaware	" "
Mispillon, Delaware	" "
North Farnham Parish, Richmond, Va.	1739 to "

From Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, vol. 16, page 16:

"Journal of the Council of Virginia in Executive Sessiom, Oct. 22, 1742, 1737-1763. Upon reading the Representation and Complaint of the Vestry of North Farnham Parish against the Reverent Mr. Blewit, the minister of the said parish, for Drunkenness and Profane Swearing and other immoralities and misdemeanors in his function as minister. Upon the examination of divers witnesses on behalf of the Vestry, and hearing the defense of Mr. Blewit, it is the opinion of the Board that the charges in said complaint are fully proved, that he is a scandal to his Function, and do therefore re-commend it to Mr. Commissary as a matter within his jurisdiction to deprive the said Blewit of his parish and desire the Governor to appoint another in his room."

So it would seem that in those days the clergy did not maintain the high degree of morality that now prevails, but again I am unable to find any record of this Rev. Blewit, although there are many Blewits found today in the United States, but none of them seem to have any record.

Collection of old letters regarding Blewett estate in chancery in England.

Miss Nora Blewett and her father, Sidney Herbert Blewett, of 42 Queensville Rd, Clapham Park, London S.W. 12, have sent me some old papers concerning the estate of

John Blewett, which at tham time amounted to about 150,000 pounds, or roughly $750,000, and since this John Blewett died nescient this estate was placed in chancery and has never been redeemed.

In my files are letters from many others referring to this estate, and I recall that when I was a mere lad my uncle, Jim Blewett, who was an attorney, approached my father concerning this matter and tried to persuade my father to advance some money for him to go to England, which my father declined to do, so these old letters that these people have sent me are of interest.

One of these letters is reproduced below:

30 Manley Terrace
Kennington Park
London S.E. 26/1/87

Mr. J. B. Blewett
Dear Sir:

Your favour of the 19th duly to hand contents noted, Gabriel Blewett, I had no intention of naming this gentleman as leaving the property, I mentioned his name as a cousin of my mother, and he having lived at Penzance as a very popular man, in the building trade, having built the present market house and church, I thought you would have know him, as well you would have known him if he was any relation to you, he being a first cousin to my mother, this would have shown your connection and claim to be established, Gabriel Blewett lived for many years at Newlyn Green, and owned property there, left there with his family for Austrillia about 30 years since, came home and sold his property and went out again, turned his ankle on the curb stone in the street after he arrived out to Melbourne, and in 2 or 3 days died from the effects. One of his sons about the same time was passing under some buildings in course of erection, which a scaffold pole or some building material fell on him and killed him, I believe on the spot. Mrs. Blewett took it so much to heart that she became a raving lunatic and died in the asylum.
Their daughter, Emma, came home from Melbourne and got married to a Mr. Redman, son of Mr. Redman, painter and decorator at Penzance. She separated from him some years past and died about four years since from the effects of amputation of the breast. She left two daughters who are, I believe, in Penzance.
You say you are a nephew of John Blewett of Phillack. Such being the case I should not have the slightest doubt of your identity, and if such is the case, you will have no trouble in proving it. We are making every inquiry and are getting on satisfactorily. So far we have found dozens of records of Blewetts wills, but as yet have not got hold of the right one. We read one will yesterday of John Blewett, Esq. of Marizion, who died worth an immense property, some of which was left to George Blewett, his butler, and Martha Blewett and 800# a year to his nieces, and a ship called the Marizion left to Capt. Faulls. My mother was brought up with this gentleman until the time of his death. Some of these circumstances may be known to you and may be of service to you to connect family ties.

With best wishes, I remain, Dear Sir
Yours faithfully,
E.M.B. Faull

P.S. Union is strength and I shall be glad to welcome your cooperation as soon as you can satisfy yourself that you are a Blewett belonging to

Gwithian (which is now absolved by phillock) Gwinear, and the Barton of Roseworthy. This is the title to whom the property was left, and if there was 200,000 Blewetts it would give each one 70.00# each as the property was advertised in 1,500,000# and this would leave for cost and expenses 100,000. I have been called upon by the voice of the family to organize and develop the case and when all this is done to call in legal assistance and finally to bring it to a successful termination.

Copy of the Gwinear England Registers Baptisms

1662	Jane	child of John Blewett	7th September
1663	Christian	John	2nd January
1666	Edward	John	3rd October
1673	Elizabeth	John	29th May
1675	Margaret	John	22nd August
1677	Hannah	John	2nd March
1680	William	John	18th March
1681	Thomas	John	12th March
1701	Edward	Edward	9th November
1703	John	Edward	11th May
1704	Martha	Edward	19th February
1705	Marsha	Edward	7th February
1706	William	William & Mary	20th December
1707	Mary	Edward	20th June
1708	Thomas	Thomas & Prudence	12th March
1708	Jane	William & Mary	28th December
1708	Mary	Edward	28th December
1712	Margaret	William & Mary	24th June
1713	Thomas	Edward	2nd January
1715	John	William & Mary	25th March
1715	Christopher	Thomas & Prudence	22nd January
1717	Mary	William & Mary	10th August
1720	Thomas	William & Mary	8th June
1721	Thomas	William & Mary	3rd September
1734	Thomas	Thomas & Elizabeth	21st September
1739	Christopher	Thomas & Mary	20th October
1743	Elizabeth	Thomas & Dorothy	26th December
1745	Hannah	Thomas & Dorothy	22nd September
1748	Elizabeth	Margaret	9th May
1755	Hannah	Thomas & Hannah	8th July
1757	William	William & Mary	9th July
1763	Mary	Thomas & Mary	25th July
1764	Ann	William & Mary	9th December
1768	Elizabeth	William & Mary	3rd July
1789	Edward	Edward & Mary	5th October
1791	Mary	Edward & Mary	31st July
1793	William	Edward & Mary	16th June
1794	Gabriel	Edward & Mary	9th November
1794	Thomas	Thomas & Mary	1st December
1795	John	Edward & Mary	2nd December
1795	Edward	Gabriel & Ann	2nd December
1796	Mary	Thomas & Mary	24th July
1798	Thomas	Edward & Mary	23rd December
1799	Thomas	Thomas & Elizabeth	31st March
1803	George	Edward & Mary	27th February
1804	Thomas	William & Ann	12th February

Marriages

1661	John Blewett & Margaret	23rd December
1705	William & Mary	2nd February
1733	Thomas & Elizabeth Stone	15th June
1742	Thomas & Dorothy Richards, widow	11th August
1753	Thomas & Hannah Michell	20th January
1756	William & Mary Michell	7th June
1762	Thomas & Mary Pearce	30th October
1788	John & Mary Murley	12th April
1794	Gabriel & Mary Johns	26th October
1788	Edward & Mary Stephens	1st October

Burials

1677? 1617?	Margaret dau of John Blewett	18th April
1712	Mary dau of Edward Blewett	12th November
1720	Thomas son William Blewett	21st July
1727	Margaret wife of John Blewett	30th May
1732	Prudence wife of Thomas Blewett	29th January
1742	Mary wife William Blewett	11th April
1747	Edward Blewett	3rd September
1751	Elizabeth wife of Thomas Blewett	13th November
1756	Mary wife William Blewett	19th March
1757	Thomas Blewett	20th December
1758	William Blewett	8th November
1760	Thomas son of Thomas Blewett	22nd November
1762	Thomas Blewett	20th December
1768	William Blewett	16th January
1775	Thomas Blewett	29th September
1776	Margaret Blewett - widow	8th September
1789	Dorothy Blewett	17th March
1795	Gabriel Blewett	7th April
1795	Thomas Blewett	11th April
1795	Christopher Blewett	1st October
1802	Margaret Blewett	15th December

Phillack Register of Baptisms

John son of	William & Frances Blewett	25 May 1780
Mary daughter of	" " "	18 March 1782
Ann daughter of	John & Ann Blewett	17 April 1784
Jane "	William & Frances Blewett	11 March 1788
Alice "	John & Ann Blewett	3 July 1790
Mary "	William & Mary	12 December 1790
Grace "	Thomas & Catherine	17 February 1793
Jasper, Millwood	sons of Bennet & Grace	3 June 1798
John --	Thomas & Catharine Blewett	26 November 1798
Wm. -	Bennet and Grace	28 September 1800
Thomas --	Thomas & Catharine	30 Nov. 1800
Gabriel -	Gabriel and Sarah Bluett	4 July 1801
Elizabeth -	Sm and Eliz Blewett	3 April 1803
John -	Bennet & Grace	31 July 1803
Wm -	Thomas & Catharine	17 July 1805
Mary --	Sm & Elizabeth	18 June 1805
Edward -	Bennet and Grace	28 July 1805

Edward - Bennet and Grace	28 July 1805
James - Thos and Catharine	24 January 1808
Edward - Bennet and Grace	6 August 1809
William - Thos & Catharine	27 May 1810

Burials

Mary daughter of John Bluett	27 September 1795
John son of William	25 October 1795
Frances wife of William	11 April 1801
Elizabeth Blewett	7 August 1803
Ann daughter of Thomas Blewett	8 February 1804
Ann Blewett	5 March 1804
Grace daughter of Thos Blewett	12 June 1806
Wm son of Thos	11 June 1808

Madron

William Blewett Father
William son of the above November 16, 1701, Ralph son, May 20, 1704
John son July 29, 1705, Mary daughter, July 12, 1708, Patience daughter, February 6, 1711, Richard son November 16, 1714.

The vicar could not find any date of the father.

George Blewett Father
John son of the above February 6, 1686, Mary daughter March 29, 1683
Elizabeth daughter March 27, 1681, Carthrod daughter June 22, 1670
Jane daughter June 9, 1660 .. No date of the father.

Gwinear

Wm Blewett born 1680 married 1705, died 1758
Wm Blewett born 1706
Wm Blewett ----------married 1756, died 1768

In the city of Van Nuys, which is a suburb of Los Angeles, there is a Blewett Avenue, and my letter addressed to that city met with the following response:

"Gentlemen:

1. STREET NAMES (BLEWETT AVENUE)

TRANSMITTAL

Board Communication NO. 55,816

FROM

R. W. Rood, Secretary to the Mayor, transmitting a letter from G. E. Blewett, requesting information with respect to the naming of Blewett Avenue in this City.

RECITAL

Blewett Avenue was established by dedication on the map of Tract No. 12051 recorded in 1946. The name was selected at random from the list of available

street names on file in this Bureau and therefore is not associated with any certain individual.

RECCOMMENDATION

That Mr. G. E. Blewett be advised in accordance with this report.

(17254----------RBH)'"

The following poem was written by Mary Blewett Ottley of Columbus, Mississippi, who is a daughter of Thomas Garton Blewett, Jr.; granddaughter of Thomas Garton Blewett, Sr., and great-great-granddaughter of William Blewett.

This poem so closely exhibits my sentiments and feelings that I am giving it to you here, as it certainly is a work of art. She expresses my opinion of FDR better than I can myself.

REJECTED

A stranger stood at the gates of Hell,
And the Devil himself had answered the bell;
He looked him over from head to toe,
And said, '" My friend, Id like to know
What you have done in the line of sin,
To entitle you to come within.'"
Then Franklin D., with his usual guile,
Stepped forth and flashed his toothy smile.
"When I took charge in thirty-three,
A nation's faith was mine," said he.
"I promised this, and I promised that,
And I calmed them down with a fireside chat.
I spent their money on fishing-trips,
And fished from the decks of their battleships.
I gave them jobs on the WPA,
Then raised their taxes and took it away,
I raised their wages and closed their shops.
I killed their pigs and burned their crops.
I double-crossed both old and yound.
And still the fools my praises sung.
I brought back beer, and what do you think?
I taxed it so high they couldn't drink.
I furnished money with Government loans;
When they missed a payment, I took their homes.

When I wanted to punish the folks, you know,
I put my wife on the radio.
I paid them to let their farms lie still,
And imported foodstuffs from Brazil.
I curtailed crops when I felt real mean,
And shipped in corn from the Argentine.
When they'd start to worry, stew and fret
I'd start them to chanting the alphabet,
With the AAA, and the NLB,
The WPA, and the CCC.
With many units I got their goats,
And still I crammed it down their throats.
My workers worked with the speed of snails,
While the tax-payers chewed their fingernails.

(Con. on next page)

When the organizers needed dough,
I closed the plants for the CIO;
I ruined jobs and I ruined health,
And put the screws on the rich man's wealth.
And some who couldn't stand the gaff
Would come to me and how I'd laugh!
When they got too strong for certain things,
I'd pack and head for OLD WARM SPRINGS.
I ruined their country, their homes, and then
I placed the blame on the "Nine Old Men."
Now Franklin talked both long and loud,
And the Devil stook, and his head he bowed.
At last he said, "Let's make it clear;
You'll have to move, You can't stay here;
For once you mingle with this mob,
I'll have to hunt myself a job."

COAT OF ARMS, HERALDRY, AND VISITATIONS

It was always my impression and understanding that a coat of arms was bestowed or given to some one party or family in recognition of some heroic act or meritorious deed, but such does not seem to be the case, for in referring to your public library you will find many volumes such as "The Manual of Heraldry" by Francis J. Grant and "Complete Guide to Heraldry" by A. C. Fox-Davies in which you will find that the coat of arms was given to certain families not to symbolize any virtue or qualification, but simply to distinguish their persons and personalities, to display their pretense to certain honor and estates, and to test their allegiance or to acknowledge their feudal tenures, and this coat or arms also gave that family the priority and right to own, possess, and to carry such arms or weapons as were then available.

The improper or illegal assumption of arms was prohibited in England from the reign of King Henry V, however, the jurisdiction of the court to prevent the wrong use of arms was, of course, limited.

In all civilized nations heralds were employed at a very early date as messengers of peace or war from one sovereign state to another, and in the time of chivalry as the arrangers to tournaments, possession, coronations, state funerals and other public ceremonies.

The College of Arms or Heralds College was incorporated in 1483 when King Richard 111 issued a charter, and the college is presided over by the Earl Marshall of England.

This coat of arms was also used in battle as an emblem on the banners, standards and coat armor in order to enable the combatants to distinguish foe from freind, for you must recall that when the combatants were incased in a complete suit of armor as they were in ancient days, it was, of course, impossible to distinguish friend from foe in fighting hand to hand as they did in battles in those days.

The coat of arms it seems was granted only to families of influence and estate, and it would seem logical to infer that in restricting the use of arms or weapons by the common masses, the fear of revolution was to some extent thwarted and reduced

This ancient coat of arms can be found among our Indian tribes, who in the early days of American history carried shields of deerskin, or other animal skins, on which they depicted certain symbols, and this was also used for the same purpose as were the coat of arms in England and other continental countries.

Some authorities seem to believe that the early English had no such coat of arms or armory until William the Conqueror came from Normandy, and in his conquest of England he introduced this system of feudal tenure which has since prevailed.

This coat of arms was passed down to future generations, and by the use of certain coats of arms you asserted your descent from the person to whom those arms were granted, comfirmed or allowed.

By referring to Fairbairn's "Crests of Leading Families in Great Britain and Ireland" you will find reference made to Blewett, Blewet, Blewitt, Bleuett and Bluet and it would seem from this volume that these families were allotted these coats of arms somewhat depending on their residence or place of habitation, as you will note that families living in Cornwall and Devons were granted one coat of arms; and those living in Gloucester, Somersetshire and those living in London and Monmouth were granted separate coats of arms, although you will note that the families in Cornwall and Devons were given the same coat of arms as those in London, Somersetshire and

Monmouth.

Inasmuch as our family seems to have originated in Cornwall and Devons, this coat of arms has been adopted as symbolizing our branch of the family, being a squirrel standing on top of a shield eating an acorn or nut, with a red background and under a chevron in which are three eagles.

This squirrel also wears a chain, which some authorities indicate donoted nobility, and as I will show you later there were many Blewetts belonging to the nobility in days long before Columbus discovered America.

Just where the motto on our coat of arms came from is, of course, unknown, but the Latin phrase, "Spes mea in Deo" interprets "My faith (hope or trust) is in God."

This record would also indicate that inasmuch as the same coat of arms were given to the family, regardless of how the name was spelled, would seem to indicate the family only had one way to spelling the name, and the different deviations were doubtless caused by inability to read handwriting, but this will be covered in another chapter.

A hand painted copy of this Coat of Arms in true colors can be furnished for $7.50.

Below is an excerpt taken from Genealogical Quarterly, September-December 1939, and again your attention is called to the fact that the various spelling of the name seems in many instances to have the same coat of arms, as you will also find outlined in Fairbairn's "Heraldry".

"BLEWET, or, six eagles, displayed, gu.
BLEWET, or, on a chief gu. three plates.
BLEWET, gu. on a chief ar. three lozenges sa.
BLEWET (Grenham, Somersetshire), ar. a chev. betw. three eagles, displayed, vert.
BLEWET (Gloucestershire). The same.
BLEWET (Devon), or, a chev. betw. three eagles, vert.
BLEWET (Devon), or, a chev. betw. three eaglers, displayed vert, armed gu. holding in the feet, an acorn or, leaved vert.
BLEWET (Cornwall). The same arms and crest, with a crescent on each for difference.
BLEWET (Lincolnshire), ar. a fesse gu. in chief, three lozenges of the second. (Another, the lozenges sa.)
BLEWET (Somersetshire), or, a chev. betw. three, displayed, vert.
BLEWET (Hants), or, an eagle, imperial, gu.
BLEWET, or, a chev. betw. six eagles, displayed, vert.
BLEWET, gu. on a chief ar. three fusils sa.
BLEWET (Cornwall), or, on a chief gu. three plates.
BLUET (Hants), or, an eagle, displayed, with two necks, gu. (another, az.) armed ar.
BLUET (Halcolm-Regis, Devon), or, a chev. betw. three eagles vert, armed gu.--Crest, a squirrel, sejant, or collared and lined, and cracking a nut.
BLEWETT, OR BLOET, gu. an eagle, displayed, with two heads, or.
BLEWETTS (Hants). The same."

It was also reported to me that a Blewett was a brother-in-law of Edward 1, as the coat of arms are very similar.

It is also reported that a family of Blewetts at one time owned Hevar Castle, Kent, England which is now owned and occupied by the Astor family. Hevar Castle was the home of Ann Boylen, one of Henry VIII's wife, but just what relation that has to the family, I have not been able to determine.

THE NAME

Perhaps you may have the idea that I did before I started this research, that our name was rather unusual, and, while I still feel it is indeed a rare name, I must admit I had no idea there were so many people in the United States, as well as in foreign nations, that have our name or some derivative, as I believe that so far I have at least a thousand families in the United States on my mailing list, and, of course, there are a great many others in Canada, while England seems to have as many as the United States, and I find them scattered all over the world, South Africa, Belgium, Australia, Japan and doubtless a great many other nations that so far I haven't been able to contact.

Without a doubt our name is of French origin, and while there is nothing to officially confirm my position, I am thoroughly convinced that we originated in Normandy, France, as other chapters will show that we came across with William the Conqueror about 1022, the French name being Bloet, and this seems to be confirmed by a report made to me by the Society of Genealogists, Research Department, under date of December 19, 1950, in which they reported as follows:

"Text Books on origins of names;
Harrison's Surnames of the United Kingdom
BLEWETT) the French Bluet: v under BLEW, and
BLEWITT) the Fr. dim suff -et
(Cp. Fr. bleuet or bluet, a bluebottle, blue bird)"

which interprets: Volume under Blew and plus the French diminutive suffix et, and other fictions seems to confirm the report that the French meaning was also a blue flower or perhaps a corn flower, while others you will note in this volume seems to place the meaning on a color of cloth worn at that time.

"BLEW) (A.-Fr.-Teut.) of Livid complexion
BLUE) (M.E. blew, bleu, Fr. bleu O. H. Ger.
blao, blue livid: cp O.E. blaw)"

The above interprets the word Blew in French as well as Teutonic, means of livid complexion, while the middle England Blew, Bleu, and French Bleu as well as the old Hanover German means blue or lived and the old English spelling Blaw.

As I pointed out to you previously, the original name, Bloet, was doubtless through some quirk of imagination or poor penmanship became Bluet; thus, I am led to believe that the original English name was Bluet, and later became Blewett, for at this time I have never heard of anyone pronouncing the name other than Blu-it, and not Blew-ett, but this, of course, is merely my supposition, and you are at liberty to arrive at your own conclusion.

As I have also previously pointed out, the same coat of arms was given to all families, Blewett, Blewet, Blewitt, Bluet, or Bluett, as shown by the Society of Genealogiest' report quoted previously.

In all the records I have searched, and from reports sent me by the Society of Genealogists in London, I have never found any record of anyone spelling their name "BLEWETTE"; and I further find, upon investigation, that people spelling their name in that way are descendants of my ancestor Eli K. Blewett.

[illegible] would seem that all of any regardless of how the name might be spelled, came from the same source, and if careful and efficient search could and would be made of the records, I feel sure this statement would be substantiated.

In the United States there are many descendants of slaves, most of whom took the name of Bluit, and among these descendants of former slaves there have been some very prominent Negro citizens, for in recent years there was a Dr. Bluit in Dallas, Texas, who was, not only wealthy, but one of the outstanding Negroes in the Southwest, standing very high, not only in the medical profession, but also in the Masonic Order, being at one time, I believe, one of the highest Negro Masons in the United States.

I have, however, found a few Negroes who spell their name Blewett, but they are in the minority.

It does not take much imagination to understand that in using a quill pen as they did in the old days, as well as rather inferior ink, how the letter "a" becomes the letter "o", while the letter "u" becomes the letter "w", and the letter "i" becomes an "e", or for that matter, vice versa; as one can understand how the name "Stewart" becames "Stuart", as well as the name "Pruitt" becomes "Prewitt"; so we find this happening in our family name, as you will note later on that documents executed by our ancestor William Blewett sometimes show his name as Blewet and occasionally Bluet, and since starting this study, I often wondered just how many family names have deviated from the true original. The photostatic copy I have of the original Land Grant, issued in 1748, is issued to William Bluit, but the description of the land shown on this Land Grant is the same land transferred by our ancestor, William Blewett, at a later date; so the incorrect spelling of this name is chargeable to someone's poor penmanship; and, in fact, I cannot read my own handwriting after it is cold.

In contacting the Scots Ancestry Research Society, Edinburg, Scotland, they informed me that the sir name "Blewett" was not considered Scottish, although it was doubtless derived from their sir name "Blawet" or "Blowet", which doubtless originated from "Blae Weth" near Cosfforth, Cumberland, England, and this sir name "Blawet" appears on the Scottish records at the beginning of the 15th century; so in view of this information it would seem that the family did not originate in Scotland.

Mr. W. E. Blewett, who has furnished me much interesting and valuable information, also gives me a synopsis of old Cornwall, which you will find very interesting.

"A CORNISH FAMILY
Blewett of Colan
By Peter Laws

ARMS: OR, a chevron between three eaglers displayed, -vert.
CREST: A Squirrel sejant OR, in his paws an acorn, -vert.

So runs the description of the armorial bearings of the family of BLEWETT or BLUET(T), who have lived in Cornwall for the past four centuries. What has history recorded of this family?

The first record of the name seems to be that of William Blewett, who was Earl of Salisbury about 1220, but the fifth generation is found to be living at Holcombe Rogus on the Blackdown Hills in the County of Devon. The Lord of the Manor of Holcombe at that time was Thomas Blewett, and the Manor had passed to the family from that of De Rogo, originally of Normandy.

In 1444 the chronicler records that John Blewett, of Holcombe Rogus, held the office of High Sheriff of the County of Devon, and Hals' writing, about 1680, says that he was also High Sheriff of Cornwall in 26 Henry VI., i. e. 1448. Here we have our first mention of the Duchy.

John's great-grandson, Richard, married Mary, daughter of Sir Thomas Grenville, possibly a forebear of the great Sir Richard Grenville who fought so gallant a battle at sea against Spain in the Revenge in 1591, and they had a son who was

christened Francis.

It was this Francis, who, about 1540, came to Cornwall to court and married Elizabeth, daughter of Tristan de Colan, of Colan, near St. Columb Minor, with her sister Anne, co-heiresses of the de Colans who were listed as land owners in Colan Parish in Edward II.'s feudary of 1347.

It is interesting to note that the Blewetts continued to live at Holcombe Rogus until 1858, when the Estate was sold to the Rayer family who still owned it in 1939. There is a Blewett monument dated 1613 in the church at Holcombe and a 19th-century Guide to Devonshire says that the Mansion of Holcombe Rogus, built by the Blewett family in Tudor time, is the finest of it's period in all Devon.

Elizabeth was a very dutiful wife for she bore Francis no less than twenty-two offsprings, (Johann Sebastian Bach had the same number, but then he had two wives!) and by all accounts they all lived, which is surely a sign of a very healthy stock. Francis died in 1572, the fourteenth year of Elizabeth's reign, and subsequently the children erected a brass tablet to the memory of their parents in the lovely 13th-century church of St. Colan where they and the Colans had worshipped for so long. The brass is an astonishing piece of craftmanship, for in only about a foot square it shows Francis in a long gown, Elizabeth in a tight bodice and full skirt, between them the arms of Blewett and de Colan, and underneath the 13 sons and 9 daughters, one boy in breeches, the rest in gowns, and all the girls in long dresses with full sleeves.

Anne de Colan (some say she was called Margaret) had married into the Trefusis family, and because there was no male Colan, some of the 22 children of Elizabeth's family were christened Colan Blewett in order to perpetuate the ancient name.

On Holy Cross Day (September 14, 1630), in the reign of Charles I, a Colan Blewett of Colan was christened in the church of St. Columb Major; and in spite of the Cromwellian injunctions, married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir William Wrey in this church in 1655, their banns being published in the Market Place. This Colan Blewett had a distinguished record of service as a Royalist, attained his majority although very young and was commended by the King.

Some 20 years later, about 1675, we learn that Robert Blewett, grandnephew of the last named, sold the Colan estate to the Rev. Hoblyn, then Rector of Ludgvan, and it is believed that the Hoblyns of "Fir Hill" Colan, still owned it some years ago. The old manor Colan Barton, is still extant and is now being used as a farm house. It is possible that the sale of the estate was due to the heavy penalties inflicted upon the Royalist landowners during the Commonwealth.

All the Cornish historians, Hals, Tonkin, Drew and Davies place on record that all the children of Francis and Elizabeth multiplied and that the present-day families of Blewett in Cornwall are descended from them. It is certainly a fact that early in the 18th-century we find the family has moved into St. Hilary and Paul, and there is a record of a Blewett, Lord of the Manor of Kerris in Paul Parish (acquired from the Hext family.)

In the 18th century the Blewetts of Marazion were well known. George (born in 1698) and his descendants were great merchants and they were responsible for building the piers and harbour at the foot of St. Michael's Mount. One was in partnership with Sir Charles Lemon of Carclew, who was responsible for that elegant piece of town-planning, Lemon Street in Truro, and he won a great deal of money from the Great Wheal Fortune, a very successful tin and copper mine in St. Hilary, originally opened by Sir Charles Lemon's grandfather.

It is also worthy to note that the "castellated" house in Marazion was designed for the family by the famous architect John Wood of Bath, who was responsible for the design of the original Tregenna Castle for Samuel Lowis Stephens in 1773.

Another Marazion Blewett, John, was High Sheriff of Cornwall in 1761 and a Burgess of Marazion Town seven years later. He erected a tomb to the memory of his father in the church at St. Hilary on which are inscribed the arms of which a description prefaces this essay. This Blewett was also a Subscriber to the 1769

Another John subscribed to the 3rd series of the "Tradition Hearthside Stories of Cornwall" collected by William Bottrell and published in 1880.

It is sad to relate that according to historian, Gilbert Davis, the entire fortune amassed by the Blewetts in the 18th and early 19th century (stated to be 100,000, a considerable sum in those days) was squandered by one George Blewett, who died practically penniless about 120 years ago.

So that this may end on a happier note, however, when the writer made a pilgramage to Colan church during the war in order to see the Blewett memorial, an ancient one was all too eager to point out, on the opposite wall (south) of the chancel, the brass of the Cosowarth family,-father, mother, and their eight children - and in her breast the round hold of a musket ball. The Ancient proudly pointed this out saying -"That 'oale was done in the war O'Cromwell, but that were a bit 'fore my time."

Salisbury, William Longsword, (3rd Earl of) (d. 1226) was an illegitimate son of Henry 11, who granted him the estate of Appleby, Lincolnshire (1188). In 1198 he received from Richard 1 the hand of Isabella or Ela (1261) daughter and heiress of William, Earl of Salisbury, and was granted this title and the lands of the earldom. He was received with favor by King John, who appointed him sheriff of Wiltshire in 1200 and subsequently gave him many important military and diplomatic posts, thus retaining his allegiance during the period of excommunication.

In 1212 Salisbury was sent in command of a fleet to attack Philip of Spain and by his successful action at Damme he foiled the projected in vasion of England; the following year he was captured by the French and was only exchanged after prolonged negotiations. On his return to England he supported John in opposition to the baronial party, but feeling that the kings cause was hopeless he surrendered to Louis on his return to England. After the death of John, however, Salisbury deserted the French side in 1217, supported Herbert de Burgh and the yound king Henry 111, and was appointed sheriff of Lincoln. It is asserted that he took part in the seige of Damietta (1219) but the evidence of this is scanty. It is known, however, that he supported the excomminucation of William of Aum'ale in 1221; that he assisted in the war on the Welsh marches (1224); and that in 1225 he accompanied the expedition to Gascony. On the return voyage he was wrecked on the Isle of Re', and the hardships he suffered probably hastened his death, which occured on March 7, 1226, at Salisbury. ...Enc. Brittanica.

Henry 11 initiated trial by jury and separated civil from criminal courts; he also instigated the murder of Thomas Beckett at Canterbury.

Mowats hist. of Gr. Br.

Matilda (see below) was the daughter of Margaret, wife of Malcolm 111 of Scotland and a descendant of Edmund Ironsides.

THE NORMAN KINGS

William 1 1087 (dates of death only)

Robert, Duke of Normandy 1134 — William 11 1100 — Henry 1 1135 — Adela:Stephen of Blois Stephen 1154 Henry Bish. of Winch.

William Clito 1128 — William 1120 — Matilda: Henry V Emp : Geoffrey of Anjou Eustace Henry 11

Mr. William Blewett of Newport News furnished me with a photostatic copy of the records of the Blewett family in England, which I wish it were possible to reporduce for this volume, so in lieu of that I am giving it to you as copied from this photostat.

BLEWETTS IN ENGLISH NOBILITY

The first record found of the Blewett family listed in English nobility is of William Blewett, Earl of Salisbury, date unknown, but believed to be about 122D.

Sir Rowland Blewett, Knight, youngest son of William Blewett, married Letice daughter and co-heir of Geoffry Ragland (Lord Ragland) and his wife, Vivian.

Sir Edmund Blewett, Knight, married Isabel, sister of Sir Humphrey Bowen, Knight.

Robert Blewett was a second son of the Bishop of London.

Sir Roger Blewett married Joanne, daughter of Sir Lewis Powis, Knight, Lord of Powis.

Sir Thomas Blewett married Edith, sister of Owen Ward, Lord of Penalton.

Sir Ralph Blewett, son and heir, Knight, of Ragland witness to deed in time of Henry 111.

Sir Walter Blewett, Knight, son and heir, married Christian, daughter and co-heir of Simon Greenham (Grautham?) and his wife, Vivian, Knight of Greenham or Grautham, County of Somerset and Julyan and his wife, daughter and co-heir Jordan de Rogus.

Sir Walter Blewett, Knight, son and heir, member of parliament for Somersetshire in 1311, married Ellen, daughter of Sir John Mallet of Enmore, Somerset, Knight, and his wife, Alice, who was a daughter of Sir John Trivet, Knight.

Sir John Blewett, Esq., son and heir married Agnes, daughter and heir of Sir John or Sir Thomas Beaupennoy, Knight, and Joanne, his wife, who was the daughter and co-heir of Sir Stephen De LaMore, Knight.

John Blewett, Esq., son and heir, acquired Holcomb Rogus by marriage to Maud, daughter and co-heir of John Clusleden, son and heir of Richard Clusleden and Margaret, his wife, who was the daughter and heir of Jordan Rogus, son and heir of Sir Henry Fitz Rogus, Knight, Lord of Holcomb, the 9th in the time of Edward 11.

Walter Blewett, Esq., son and heir, named in the inquisition taken on the death of his son, Nicholas, married Joan, daughter of John Mawerie (or Mauer or St. Maure) and Elizabeth, his wife, was the daughter of Sir Thomas Brook, Knight of Cobham.

Nicholas Blewett, Esq., son and heir, died August 23, 1523, named in the inquisition PM 14th, Henry V111, numbers 87, 96, 116; married Joan, daughter of John Fitz James of Redlich, Somerset County, named in the inquisition on the death of her husband.

Richard Blewett of Collsham, Somerset Co., married Agnes de Varney of Fairfield in Stoke Courcy, Somerset.

Walter Blewett was second son, Nicholas Blewett third son.

Richard Blewett, son and heir, named in the inquisition taken on the death of his father as deceased, married Mary, daughter of Sir Thomas Grenville, Knight, who after the death of Richard married Thomas St. Aubyn.

Edith Blewett married John Bonville of Ivy Bridge.

Jane Blewett married Nicholas Ayshford of Ayshford.

Phillipa Blewett married John Rowe, son and heir of John Rowe of Kingston, Sergeant at Law.

Sir Roger Blewett of Holcomb Rogus, son and heir to his grandfather and aged 20 at his death Aug. 22, 1523, buried 7th of May, 1566 at Holcomb Rogus. Will 5th Sept. 1532. Probated 29th May 1566. PCC. (Crynes 11.)

Jane, daughter of John Rowe of Kingston Co. of Devon, Esq., Sgt. at Law, Executrix of her husband's will, remarried 2nd Nov. 1566 at Holcomb Rogus to John Kaynes of Compton, Pauncefoot County, Somerset. Buried 19 Aug. 1583 at Holcomb Rogus. Will proved 31, Oct 1583. PCC (Butts 3)

Francis Blewett of Colon, second son. Had sons and daughters as shown later.

Katherine, first daughter, 5 June, 1543 at Holcomb Rogus, married to Richard Warre, son and heir of Thomas Warre of Hestercomb County, Somerset.

Elizabeth, second daughter, married to Henry Beaumont, named in her mother's will of Gittisham, will dated Dec. 23, 1613, Proved July 14, 1614.

Nicholas Blewett of Broadclistin County, Devon, named in his mother's will Feb. 16, 1594-95, Proved Oct. 3, 1598. Arch'd Ct. Exeter.

Ellen, daughter of Pointington, Somerset Co., named in husband's will.

Elizabeth, daughter of Polkinghome, widow of John Cosworth, 3rd wife married 3rd November 1572 at Holcomb Rogus.

John Blewett of Greenham Co., Somerset, Esq., son and heir. Executor of his mother's will. Buried 26 March 1585 at Holcomb Rogus. Named in inquisition taken at the death of his grandson, Arthur Blewett, as deceased.

Dorothy, Daughter of William Blount (?) Lord Montjoy and Dorothy his third wife, daughter of Thomas Gray Marquis of Dorsett.

Nicholas Blewett, second son, named in the will of his grandmother Blewett.

Elizabeth Blewett married to Thomas Beaumont, named in her grandmother's will.

Roger Blewett of Broadclist in Devon living in 1620, sole executor of his father's will and named in the will of his cousin, Francis Blewett of Holcomb Rogus, living in 1626, married Bridget, daughter of John Wynell of Crediton.

Elizabeth Blewett, first daughter, named in will of her cousin, Francis Blewett, living in 1626.

Eleanor Blewett, second daughter, named in the will of her cousin, Francis Blewett, living in 1626.

Henry Blewett, second son, named in the will of his cousin, Francis Blewett, living in 1626.

Nicholas Blewett, third son, died in 1620.

Susan Blewett, fourth daughter, named in the will of her cousin, Francis Blewett, living in 1626.

John Blewett, sixth son, named in the will of his cousin, Francis Blewett, living in 1626.

William Blewett, fifth son, named in the will of his cousin, Fracis Blewett, living in 1626.

Robert Blewett, fourth son, died in 1620.

Roger Blewett, son and heir, age 14 in 1620.

John Blewett, second son, and named in the will of his grandmother Blewett.

Richard Blewett named in the will of his grandmother and in the inquisition taken on the death of his son, Arthur, and his grandson, John Blewett, and will of his son, Francis Blewett, died 3rd, buried 18th March, 1614-15 at Holcomb Rogus. Inquisition PM V & L Bun 21 No. 124.

Mary, daughter of John Cluchester, named in will of her grandmother Blewett, died before her husband. Named in inquisition taken on death of her son, Arthur as deceased.

Dorothy Blewett buried April 2, 1569 at Holcomb Rogus.

Amy Blewett baptized January 22, 1577 at Holcomb Rogus, married 12 Aug.,1599 at Holcomb Rogus to Henry Ashford. Named with issue in will of her brother, Francis, living in 1626.

Gertrude Blewett baptized 4 Dec 1576 at Holcomb Rogus, married Thomas Gowen of Curdcott County, Wiltshire, named with issue in the will of her brother, Francis Blewett, living in 1626.

Ann Blewett baptized 20 Oct. 1583 at Holcomb Rogus. Named in inquisition taken on her father's death.

Johanna Blewett baptized 19 Aug., 1581 at Holcomb Rogus, named in the inquisition taken on her father's death. Married to Henry White of Piddleford County,

Dorsett, named in the will of her brother, Francis Blewett, living in 1626.

Francis Blewett of Holcomb Rogus baptized 18 Sept. 1582 at Holcomb Rogus, named in the inquisition taken on the death of his father and brother, John. Buried 21st May, 1626. Will of May 19, 1626. Probated 31st October, 1626. PCC Hele 133.

Roger Blewett baptized 15th August, 1575 at Holcomb Rogus, killed in war against the Turks.

Walter Blewett baptized 19th May, 1579 at Holcomb Rogus. Named in the inquisition taken on the death of his father and brother, John, who was killed in Ireland.

Charles Blewett baptized 15th October, 1587 at Holcomb Rogus.

Roger Blewett baptized 9th February, 1566 at Holcomb Rogus.

Dorothy Blewett baptized 28th October, 1584, buried March 15, 1586 at Holcomb Rogus.

Amy Blewett baptized 20th May 1602 at Holcomb Rogus. Named in inquisition taken on death of her grandmother.

Ann Blewett born and baptized 23rd January 1605-06 at Holcomb Rogus and named in the inquisition taken on the death of her grandfather and in the will of her uncle, Francis, living in 1626.

Dorothy Blewett named in inquisition taken on the death of her grandfather and in the will of her uncle, Francis, living in 1626.

Mary Blewett baptized 8th December 1589 at Holcomb Rogus, named in the inquisition taken on the death of grandfather. Married Allen Mallett of Preston.

John Blewett born and baptized 3rd August 1603 at Holcomb Rogus, son and heir and heir to his grandfather, and age 11 years on the 31 August, 1614 at Holcomb Rogus, died 28th buried 30th November 1634 at Holcomb Rogus. Inq. P. M. 11 Chas Pt.1 No. 105. Administration granted 14th December 1634 to Elizabeth, his widow, Act Book PCT.

Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Portman, Knight and Baronet, administrator to her husband, buried 16th August 1636 at Holcomb Rogus. Will 18th March, 1638, probated May 1637. PCC Goare 3.

Arthur Blewett, second son, named at inquisition taken on the death of his brother, John, and in will of his sister-in-law, Elizabeth, living in 1636.

Francis Blewett of Holcomb Rogus, second son, named in inquisition taken on death of his grandfather and in will of his Uncle Francis, living in 1626, killed in Siege of Lyme and buried 10th May, 1644 at Holcomb Rogus. Will probated 1st December 1647. PCC Twiso 246. Married Joan, daughter of Thomas and Rachel Moore.

Dorothy Blewett baptized 11th April, 1633 at Holcomb Rogus, third daughter and co-heir, age one year and more at her father's death, named in will of her mother.

Susan Blewett baptized 13th July, 1634 at Holcomb Rogus, fourth daughter and co-heir age four years or more at her father's death and named in her father's will.

Ann Blewett baptized 8th September, 1625 at Holcomb Rogus, first daughter and co-heir age nine years or more at her father's death and named in her mother's will.

Elizabeth Blewett baptized 14th April 1633 at Holcomb Rogus.

Grace Blewett baptized 12th September, 1630, buried 11th November, 1630 at Holcomb Rogus.

Mary Blewett baptized 4th October 1627 at Holcomb Rogus, second daughter and co-heir, age seven years and more at her father's death, named in her mother's will.

Margaret Blewett baptized and buried 7th January, 1631 at Holcomb Rogus.

Rachel Blewett, second daughter, named in her father's will and mentioned in the will of her brother, John, married William Symes of Pundsford, Somerset. Will 2nd series, page 33.

Rachel Blewett, first daughter, baptized and buried Wiltshire 30 March, 1631.

Francis Blewett, second son, baptized 12th March 1639-40 at Holcomb Rogus, named in his father's will. Minor in 1647. Died without issue in 1632.

John Blewett of Holcomb Rogus, son and heir, baptized 14 March 1638 at Holcomb Rogus. Named in his father's will. A minor in 1644. Died 30th Sept., buried 16th Oct. 1600 at Holcomb Rogus. Will 8th March 1697-8. Proved 29th Nov. 1700. PCC Noel 63. He bequeathed his estate to his kind kinsman, Robert Blewett, who married Dr. Wood's daughter of Shirewell, Essex.

John Blewett married Elizabeth, daughter of John Buckland and Elizabeth, his wife on April 14, 1664, but died without issue.

Robert Blewett had a son named Buckland Blewett.

Joan Blewett, third daughter, baptized 19th June 1644 at Holcomb Rogus. Married Joseph Davison.

The Note Book of Tristram Risden -- 1608 -- 1628
(Elliot Stock)

Devonshire: The General Armory.

p.5.Blewett, of Holcomb Rogus: Or, a chevron between three eagles displayed vert.

The Earls, Nobles and Sheriffs of Devonshire.

The sheriffs of this Countye of Deven Sithens the Conquest.

p.80.Henry VI, August 31, 1432.

23. John Blewet.

Knights of Devonshire in the reign of King Henry VIII.

p.112.Begardus Blewet of Holcomb Rogus: Or, a chevron between three eagles displayed vert.

Nobles and Knights of Devon.

The Noble and great men of birth, name and reputation that were of this county and lived in the days of King John.

p.133.Simon and Fitz Rogon had Normancot of King John's gift which was of the land that the Normans held. His dwelling was at Holcomb Rogus which bordereth neare Somersetshire. From him are descended Blewet and the Heries of Wadham by Chiseldon.

Milities in Comitatu Somersetie tempore regis Edwardi Primi.
(The soldiers in the Somerset Company at the time of King Edward I.)

p.255.Walterus Blewet; Or a chevron between three eagles displayed vert.

p.263.do.Temp.Edwardi Terci -- Walterus Blewet (same arms) (Interpretation: In the time of Edward III.)

p.265.do.Temp. Ricardi Secundi -- Walterus Blewet. de Grindham (same arms) (Interpretation: In the time of Richard II.)

p.275.do.Temp.Elizabethe -- Begardus Blewet do. Grindham (same arms) (Interpretation: In the time of Elizabeth.)

Tenants of Lands and Manors in England

p.323.Johannes Blewet obut siisitus de diversis terris in Comitatibus Devonis et Somersetis .et Walterus Blewet est filius et Hares - 3 - Edward IV.
(Interpretation: Johannes Blewet obtained six divisions of land in the company of Devone and Somerset and Walter Blewett is the son and heir 3-Edward IV.)

p.324.Walterus Blewet about scisitus de diversis terris in conitatus Devonie et Somersetis et Nicholaus est filius et hares 21 Richard IV.
(Interpretation: Walter Blewet obtained six of separate lands in the company of Devone and Somerset and Nicholas is the son and heir 21 of Edward IV.)

Knights and Distinguished Men of Devon

p.169.Walter Bluet of Greenham Knight, 43. Edward III

Baroness et milites infra comitatum Cornubie tempore Regis Richard II.
(Interpretation: Barons and soldiers entered the company of Cornubie at the time of King Richard II.)

p.215. Walterus Bluet miles; Or, a chevron between three eagles displayed vert.

Knights and Others in Wiltshire
Henry III --- Henry VIII

P.279. Milities tempore Henrici III.
(Interpretation: Soldiers at the time of Henry III.)
Wittlemust Bluet, le Lasham; Or, an eagle with two heads displayed gules.

p.281. Johannes Bluet, de Larkham (Same arms)

Peers and Others in Hampshire
K. Hen. III -- K. James I.

Milities tempore Edwardi I
(Interpretation: Soldiers at the time of Edward I.)

p.288. Johannes Bluet.....An eagle with two hwaed displayed.

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Stratford-upon-Avon
Feb. 28, 1898

Blewett. Frances Robert Peter Clarke, e, son William of Holcomb Rogus.
Bluett, Devon, Gent. Magdolen Hall matric, 13 Nov. 1828, aged 28.
Bluett, B. A. 1833 P. C. Abersycham. Co. Monmouth, 1844, until his death October 13, 1871.
Bluett, Henry I, son John of Taunton, Somerset, arm, Madelon Hall, matric 10 May, 1832.
Bluett, Peter s. James of Aalmouth, Cornwall, arm-new Coll. matric, 17 Mch, 1787, aged 18.
Bluett, William James, 2 son Peter Frederick, of Pourballe, France arm Magdalon Hall matric, 21 April, 1853, aged 18. B.A. 1859. M.A. 1860.

R. Savage
New Place, S upon A.
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The Genealogist, Vol. I. Devonshire.

p.370. Thomas Hatch of Aller the son and heir of William Hatch and Margaret Horton married about 1520, Anne, the eldest daughter of Richard Blewett of Kittisford Co., Somerset, who survived her husband and by whom he had issue four sons and four daughters, all of whom (except one daughter) are mentioned in the 1931 Visitation.

BLEWET
Members of the University of Oxford

Blewet, Arthur of Devon, arm. Exeter Coll, matric, 19 Feb., 1590-1, aged 15, student of Gray's Inn 1593, son and heir of Richard of Holcomb Rogus Devon died 12 Nov. 1612, father of Francis and of John 1619 and brother of Roger.
Blewet, Francis, second son of Arthur of Holcomb Rogus Devon arm. Wadham Coll.

matric 30 June, 1626, aged 18, student of Middle Temple, 1628, Royalist Colonial, killed at siege of Lynne Regis, April 1844, buried at Holcumb Rogus 10 May, father of John, 1656.

Bluett, Henry of Deven, pleb. New Inn Hall, matric, April 1597, aged 24, Humphrey (Blewett or Bluette) fellow of Merton Coll 1521. M.A. 19 March, 22-23 admitted B. Med. and to practice 8 July 1527. d. Med 18 July 1530. Died at Callais and there buried.

Bluet, John of Deven arm. "fil.nat.max" Wadham Coll. matric 16 April, 1619, aged 15, (son and heir of Arthur) of Holcomb Rogus. Deven M.P. Tiverton 1628-29. Died Nov. 28, 1634, Monument in Holcomb Rogus Church.

Bluett, John, arm Exeter Coll. matric, 23 July, 1656, student at Lincoln Inn, 1656, son and heir of Francis, late of Holcomb Rogus Deven Esq. died 30 Sept. 1700, buried at Holcomb Rogus.

Bluett, Richard (Blewet) of Somerset; arm. Hart Hall. Matric under date 1568, aged 19, son and heir of Greenham, Somerset, etc., buried at Holcomb Rogus Deven, 18 March 1614-15, father of Arthur, 1591.

Bluett, Roger of Deven, arm Exeter Coll. matric, 4 May 1593, aged 18, slain in the wars against the Turks, brother of Arthur, 1591.

Bluett, William of Cornwall, pleb. University Coll matric, 19 June, aged 20.

Bluett, Buckland, son of Gilbert of Taunten, Somerset, gent, Exeter Coll matric 3 April, 1775, aged 19, B.A. 1776; M.A. 1795.

BLUAT--BLOET--BLUETT from Briqueville-la-Blouette in Normandy

This name was still represented there in the last centure, "Blouett de Cahagnolles" belonging to the bailiwich of Caen sat in the great Assemble of the Norman nobles in 1789. Richard Blouet in on the Dives roll and Ralph Blouet was an under tenant in Hampshire in 1086. He is mentioned in the Monastricon Anglicanum as a benefactor to Gloucester Abbey.

Robert Blouet was Bishop of Winchester in the time of William the Conqueror. The family long remained of eminence in the West of England and Collins, mislead by an Elizabethan herald, Hervey Clarencieux, King-of-Arms in 1584 (an epoch of mendacious genealogies) claims for their ancestor the title of Earl of Saram or Salisbury. This is a purely gratuitous assumption, as there is no record of any prior grant of the Earldom that was bestowed by Empress Maud on Patrick D'Evreux in the 12th century.

The son or grandson of this fabled earl, Sir Roland Bluet, became Lord of Ragland in right of his wife, Lucretia, and his posterity held for castle for several generations.

William Bluet was summoned, with other barons, to march against the Welsh in 1256. Another descendant acquired Holcombe Regus, Devonshire, by marriage with a co-heiress of Chiseldon in the 15th centure and the third (the younger brother of Sir Roger Bluett who died in 1566) married a Cornish heiress, the daughter of Roger Colan and from "Him" says Gilbert, all the Bluetts of Cornwall are since descended. There must, however, have been an earlier connection with the county, for I find John Bluett served as sheriff - 21 Henry VI. The direct line of the Devonshire branch ended in 1656 with another John Bluett who is said to have owned one of the largest estates in the West and left four daughters married into the families of Jones, Wallop, Southall, and Bassett.

They have generally been called his co-heiresses, but it is clear that Holcombe, at least, passed to a cousin of the same name, the son of his uncle Francis, who had been killed at the seige of Lyme in 1644. This cousin s.p. in 1700 the last heir male of the elder line and bequeather his estate to the representative of the Cornish branch, Robert Bluett of Colan.

Robert's son, Buckland, again proved childless and "made a long but fruitless search to ascertain the existence of any male descendants of his family." One Roger Bluett (the son of Sir Roger's youngest son, Nicholas) had five sons living at the

time of the Visitation of 1620, but no trace could be found of this branch.-Lyons.

At length, in default of evidence, he had to accept the presumption that Peter Bluett, who lived in the early part of the 17th century and left him Bolcombe Court at his death in 1786.

It is still held by his posterity, I find mention of several other branches of this old house. There was one in Somersetshire, seated at Hinton Blewett, where they held one Knights fee of La Despencer and continued as late as 38 Henry VIII. In Hampshire, Ralph Bluet of Anne, occurs during the 14th centure. In Leicestershire an early "Ralph Bloet" was seized of the Manor Daglingworth temp-Henry II: which King had a natural son by the wife of Ralph. This son was named Morgan and was elected Bishop of Durham, but was denied a dispensation by the Pope, as the Canons required in case of bastardy, because he persisted to own himself the King's son and not Bloet's and so lost his bishopric. (Nichols Leicestershire.)

His descendant, Ralph, forfeited his estate for erbellion under Edward II, but was restored on the accession of Edward III.

Sir John, his son, left an heiress named Elizabeth married to James de Berkley who died Henry IV. Daglingworth had been in the family for 250 years.

Battle Abbey Roll by
Duchess of Cleveland.

Thomas de Rodnay married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John of Wiltshire.

Americans of Royal Descent, p. 694.

BLEWETT, WASHINGTON
BLEWETT PASS, WASHINGTON

One of the most interesting and, I think, important results of "The Quest" is the results of my extensive research concerning the history of Blewett, Washington, and Blewett Pass, as I believe you will find this intensely interesting, and, while it seems that the Blewetts for whom the village of Blewett and Blewett Pass were named were not related to my ancestor, still they were certainly outstanding characters and deserve this special chapter.

In September 1949, Mrs. Blewett and I made a trip to the Pacific Northwest, spending several days in Seattle, Washington, and then on to Portland, Oregon, and in talking to some of the grain trade in Portland, they asked me if I was related to the Blewett for whom Blewett Pass was named, and I was compelled to confess that I did not know anything about the Pass, so they obtained a road map such as you will find in filling stations, and in Central Washington, near the town of Cle Elum and Ellinsburg and Wenatchee, they located the Blewett Pass and the village of Blewett, which is on the main transcontinental highway and in a rugged and most beautiful country rivaling the Swiss Alps for scenic beauty.

Upon returning home I addressed letters to Chambers of Commerce in several cities in Washington, and also to the Department of Conservation and Development, Division of Mines and Geology, the Washington State Historical Society, and the University of Washington, and these efforts resulted in the information that I am about to give you.

It so happens, however, that, although I had published my request in several Washington papers for information concerning the Blewetts, I did not receive any response from these newspaper articles, and after I had heard from the organizations referred to above, I then had a letter from Mr. William Reeves of 1441 E. Alameda St., Burbank, California, who, although not related to the Blewett family, was nice enough to write me a most interesting letter, which you will find in another chapter.

It seems that Mr. Reeves was so greatly impressed by his contact with Mr. Edward Blewett, he included this in a book he wrote, and Mr. Reeves then gave me the address of Mr. Edward Blewett's daughter, Miss Myrtle Blewett, who resides in Los Angeles, California, and you will find the history of her family in another portion of this book.

Beyond a doubt Blewett village and Blewett Pass were named for Edward Blewett and his brother, William (Bill) Blewett, and Miss Myrtle Blewett is a daughter of Edward Blewett, and she gave me some very interesting information concerning her father's life, which was certainly most unusual and portrayed the rugged type of individuals that settled our nation.

My efforts so far to locate any descendants of William Blewett have been futile, for, although there are many William Blewetts in various parts of the United States, none of them seem to have been the brother of this Edward Blewett, nor have I been able to find any trace of his descendants, nor does it seem that any of the descendants of his brother, Edward Blewett, have any trace of this William Blewett, for Miss Myrtle Blewett says that her uncle died about 1925 in Nevada and was buried there.

Mrs. Charles B. Blewett of 216 Post Square, Cincinatti, Ohio, wrote me that her husband's grandfather, William Hudson Blewett, who was born in England and married

Gambress Hafford in Kentucky, and that this William Hudson Blewett lived to be 100 years old, and was a miner, making several trips across the plains and blazed the trail over Blewett Pass in Idaho, and his hat with a hole shot through it was in a Chicago museum, but so far Mrs. Charles Blewett has not given me any further information concerning the date of her husband's grandfather's death or the place of burial, although I have written them several times. 1917169

While in Seattle and Portland, I phoned several Blewetts whose names were in the telephone directory, and one of them in Portland was the head of the detective bureau at Portland, who told me that he had only been in the United States some twenty-five years.

The History of the State of Washington gives the following information:

"BLEWETT 216.5m (2,325 Alt, 54 Pop.) Now only a handful of cabins once had a population of more than 250 miners. Prospectors returning from the Cariboo and Fraser districts in 1860 wandered into the foothills of the Cascade Mountains and began placer mining on the creeks. Prior to 1879 Blewett was reached only by trail; in that year a wagon road was built from Cle Elum over the Wenatchee Divide. Instead of wagons, saddle horses and pack mules, today, shiny cars and rattling older models are parked under the pines. Numerous performances visible in the mountain sides around Blewett are test holes sunk by early prospectors to tap quartz veins. Despite the large scale development of gold mining, few prospectors continue their lone search for the yellow metal.

BLEWETT PASS SUMMIT at 225.2m (4,071 Alt) is reached after a twisting climb. A rustic lodge overlooks the upper reaches of the Yakima Valley (winding descent;drive carefully). The next few miles southwest are dense forests. The highwas pass through the conyon of Swauk Creek where tunnel and trailing dumps of old mines are still in evidence along the steep side. The Swauk formation occupies an area of one thousand square miles, extending from Lake Wenatchee across the Wenatchee River and over the Wenatchee Mountains to the Yakima Valley. Many people come here for winter sports because of the deep snows and clear, cold weather."

There also seems to be a wide variance in the dates concerning the operation of the gold mine by Edward and Bill Blewett, which varies from 1882 to 1894, so you will have to arrive at your own conclusion as to these dates.

The only reference to a Blewett I have found appears in one book on the mines in the Blewett Pass area. We read that in 1889 the Blinn Mine was bonded to Edward Blewett and later passed on to the hands of the Cascade Mining Company. That helps to confirm my suspicions that the name of the town of Blewett and that of Blewett can be traced back to an early miner in that region. But who is he?

I have received a letter from an old timer in Kittitas County. In it he states that in 1893 or 1894 the Blewett Mine on the Peshastin had been operated by Mr. Blewett for a year or two. "In 1898, I worked on the Geological Survey," he writes, "Watt Gauerin was the topographer and we placed the bench mark at the summit of Blewett Pass and from then on I always heard it called that. I am positive it was named for Mr. Blewett. He was a man abo t 6 feet tall, slight build and a very interesting talker. He was a mining engineer and working on other mining properties there."

"There are no references to Blewett in any history of Central Washington, in fact, very little is known of the earliest mines of Peshastian as they were called, All I have is the following.

'The Peshastin mines are said to have been first located by Sylvester Culver (even that spelling may be inaccurate) about 1873. Shortly after Culver took a partner, Jake Brusha. About 1877 as near as can be learned. Soon another mine was located on Shaser Creek near the original Culver & Brusha mine. Discoveror unknown, but his claim was purchased by Elmer Lockwood and Cooper. This Cooper and Lockwood mine was one of the largest and best in the district. They had other claims but none were so large. Within a year or two, a Mr. Blewett came to the Peshastin and bought the Cooper-Lockwood

mine. The mining claims along Peshastin Creek were then known as Blewett. No one now even knows Blewett's given name. My father's cousin (Felix Shaser, a brother of the Shaser who discovered and located a mine on Shaser Creek) was a boy of 17. He said he remembered seeing Blewett several times, in fact, he took supplies over the trail to Blewett's mines but never heard his name. Blewett put in a stamp mill at the mine and also had a rude road built over which he moved a sawmill.Some of the old cabins are still standing, deserted and alone along Blewett Highway, and the old boards, cut in the old sawmill are most interesting.The mines are now mere holes in the hillside and overgrown with brush and brambles, are all that is left of Blewett. The mines never were very profitable and usually the miners remained only long enough to find a buyer and then they moved on to something else.No one knows when Blewett left, where he went, or anything about his family or home.

The most interesting discovery was obtained through the kindness of the Wenatchee Daily World of Wenatchee, Washington, which, on October 8, 1949, ran a special edition dwelling on the historical surroundings at the Blewett Pass area together with many most interesting photographs, which I only wish it were possible for me to duplicate in this story, so I am giving this to you in detail just as it came to me.

INDIANS AND CONQUISTADORS,FIRST GOLD MINERS AT BLEWETT PASS AREA

Historic Diggings being Revived

History has it that 16th Century Conquistadors may have been the first gold miners in the mountains of Blewett Pass.

Signs of Ancient Miners

An ancient mill, of a type first used by Indians in the Southwestern states and later adopted by the Spaniards, has been found in the area. The mill, called an arresta, is a circular grooved rock about six feet across.It was used, presumably, to crush ore by rolling or dragging smaller stones over ore placed in the groove. The crushed ore then was washed for gold. Persons familiar with the stone and the history of the area believe the mill may date back to the days of the Spaniards. Spanish explorers are known ot have prospected this far north after they had exhausted the gold resources in South and Central America and Southwestern United States. Some persons speculate that the mill may have been the work of Indians in the days before the Spaniards.

The grooves in the base stone of the arrastra are two feet deep, indicating it was used for many years. It is possible that wandering tribes of Indians may have found and mined the deposits in the area. The Aztec Indians who later settled in Central America are believed to have originated in this area, and it is known that they knew the secrets of mining and smelting gold.

"Black Antoine" was First

The first modern man to work for gold in the area is thought to be "Black Antoine", a negro who came to the area about 1859. Antoine, who is reputed to have known five languages, took $1,100 from a placer mine in one summer season. The source of his find has ever since been known as Nigger Creek.

Soon after Antoine left, other miners began to drift to the area from the Caribou and Frease gold districts in British Columbia which were petering out at the time.

Discovery of the first quartz vein is unofficially credited to an American soldier in 1854, but he never located his claim and there is no

record of it.
John Shaver, in 1874, located the first quartz claim. He was soon followed by Samuel Culver and James Lockwood, and, as word of the strike spread, prospectors began to crowd the vicinity. Claims sprang up quickly under such names as Humming Bird, Bobtail, Fracture (which was to become the motive for a fatal dispute), Blackjack and Pole Pick.
By 1879, the miners had built a wagon road to Blewett from Cle Elum, and they started moving heavy machinery over it to their claims. Large companies with the capital to buy and maintain these machines began taking over the samller operators. The large companies worked the claims for a few years then leased them back to the small operators.
The country in those days was rough and lawless and the men who lived in it had to be the same. Laws consisted pretty much of the personal codes the men brought into the new land with them. Arguments were settled with fists, knives or guns.

BLEWETT.

This is a mining camp situated about eighteen miles south of Leavenworth, with which it is connected by a stage road built in 1898. Blewett has a population of about forty people, nearly all of whom are engaged in mining.

So far as the records show the first quartz ledge to be discovered in the state of Washington was the Culver, on the Peshastin Creek, where stands the town of Blewett. This was located in the early 60's, when the tide of miners were returning from the Cariboo district in British Columbia. Since that period the mines in the vicinity have been worked and several millions in gold taken out. The settlement of Blewett is the oldest in Chelan county.

From: History of North Washington. Publishers, Western Historical Publishing Co., 1904 p 735

MINERS OF BLEWETT
By Fieldon Browder

For many years the town of old Blewett has been a "has-been" -- a landmark on the Yellowstone Trail, grazing ground for deer in the Teanaway game reserve, a pin point on the map of the Wenatchee National Forest.

Although 49 miners lived there in 1911, Antone Neubauer alone remains as sometime historian, sometime caretaker of the derelict village whose weathered name shone bright with gold between 1877 and the middle '20's.

Three million dollars in milled gold and placer bullion has so far been extracted from the multilithic terrestrial jumble of the Blewett mining district -- chiefly from the Warrior General mine on Culver Creek. These millions were produced when gold was valued at $16 an ounce; today it is $35 an ounce and many congressmen favor elevating figure to $64.

Gold quartz was processed in a 20-stamp mill at Old Blewett. Machinery in this massive structure of primitive masonry and giant timbers was powered first by steam and later by hydraulic turbines. The mill cost $250,000 to build, but long since collapsed and the miners have drifted away.

The Blewett mining district is in the center of the State of Washington, in south central Chelan County, and is indentified by the United States mineral monument at the head of Culver gulch. It is sometimes referred to as the Leavenworth mining district and also as the Peshastin district.

The district's gold is found in gash veins rather than in true fissures, and is more of an impregnation than a deposit. Copper, nickel, cobalt and cinnabar (mercury) are present in varying quantities and there is said to be some silver ore.

The gold (and other valued minerals) is found in the vicinity of the immense

iron dike, thirty-five miles in length, which crops out in a score of places between Negro Creek and Cle Elum.

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C.P. Davenport
325 B. St. N. E.
Auburn, Washington
November 21, 1949

"Dear Mr. Blewett :

About 1891 the Culber Gold Mining Co. operated a ten-stamp mill and the town was called Peshastin. In 1892 H. C. Henry and Ed Blewett formed the Blewett Gold Mining Co. and changed the town's name to Blewett. They bought out the Culver Co.and erected a 20 stamp-mill at the mouth of Culver Gulch. They also built a steam saw mill about three miles above Blewett to supply their timber for mining and milling.

Bill Blewett came in with his brother, Ed, and Bill was the miner. The twon was named for Ed. About 1894, Ed went away, but Bill leased some of the property. Between '94 and '96 Bill went away. About 1905, Bill Blewett came back and leased from Chelan Co., who then owned the property. He was backed by some attorneys from Everett by the name of Anderson. He had some good ore, but the Chelan Co. gave him so little out of their mill that he quit. He stored some of the tailings and several years afterwards the company milled them and got $1,000 out of them.

I don't know where he went to. He was married and had a girl about three years old. Her name was Marjorie.

I don't know their middle names; we always spoke of them as Ed and Bill.

This is all I know. I worked with Bill and he was a good miner. I understood Bill went to California.

Sincerely,

C. P. Davenport."

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State of Washington
Dep't of Conservation and Development, Division of Mines and Geology -
November 12, 1949

"Dear Mr. Blewett:

Your letter of September 26, addressed to the State Historian, Olympia, finally reached this office for attention just as your letter of October 29 was received.

The only mention of a man by the name of Blewett in the literature that I know of appears in Hodges, L. K., Mining in the Pacific Northwest, published by the Seattle Post-Intelligencer in 1897. There, in an account of early mining in the Peshastin and Negro Creek districts of Washington, it merely says, regarding claims formerly controlled by the Cascade Mining Co., "For a time in or shortly after 1882 the property was under bond to Edward Blewett, who ran a tunnel 200 feet in an endeavor to trace the ledge into the Culver, of which it has the characteristics and the same value in free gold, and several open cuts have been made, showing ore in a number of places."

Apparently Edward Blewett was a part of a mining organization, actibe in the 1880's known as Blewett Co. Doubtless, the village of Blewett was named after him or the company, as was also Blewett Pass. I know of no mountain by that name, though it is possible that the name was given to some previously unnamed peak and so appears on recent maps. This has not come to my attention.

There are some other possible sources of information. If you can supply the first names of some of your ancestors it might be possible that the Daughters of the American Revolution will be able to tell you more about them.

You might also write to Mr. Chapin D. Foster, Director, Washington Historical Society, 315 North Stadium Way, Tacoma, Washington.

The University of Washington Library contains an extensive Pacific Northwest collection, which included the notes of Professor Meany. A letter to Mr. Ronald J. Todd, Librarian, University of Washington, Seattle 5, Washington, might obtain further information for you.

Cordially yours,

Sheldon L. Glover, Supervisor
Division of Mines & Geology"

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Nels Bjarke
8202 So. Park Ave.
Tacoma, Washington - Dec. 12, 1949

"Dear Sir:

I thank you for your letter and regret I can't give you mich information on Ed and Bill Blewett. I have been through the district several times but there is little left, only the scars of the diggins and some gaping tunnels. There is supposed to be one of the oldtimers there who might be able to give you a lead. His name is John McCarthy and I have the following data on him:

Blewett had fallen from a booming, buzzing camp, shipping 10,000 gold bricks a week, to a few tumble down and log buildings. The mill had given up trying to keep it's toe-hold on the mountain sides. Undergrowth gradually covering the old dump. Fire has given a decent burial to many of the old saloons. Blewett Highway has been carved out and filled in along the mountain side and is now what was once the blatantly noisy village street. John McCarthy one of the early miners still plies his tools, as this is written, on Blewett. Red hair turning slightly gray and untrimmed with his miner's cap perched jauntily on one side of his head, supporting his miner's lamp. He was the typical prospector. He courted, won and lost his wife and reconstructed the railroad building, and in 1890 joined the first gold rush to Blewett Pass and today he is still a victim of the gold fever. John McCarthy and his second wife are still hopeful they will find a mother lode, or at least a stray pocket of gold sufficient to competence in their remaining years.

I should think that a letter addressed to him at Blewett should reach him if he is still alive. My notes were taken in 1938. Of course, that is sometime ago. If this should be in vain, try writing the Washington State Library, Olympia, Wash. who in the years up to '38 gathered by special effort a mass of material concerning the pioneers.

In the meantime I shall be on the lookout for further information and if I find any will let you know.

Yours very truly,

Nels Bjarke."

WILLIAM BLEWETT: The First

In writing this biography of William Blewett, First, it is necessary for me to again call your attention to many duplications of given names, as you will find many Williams, Johns, Georges, Etc. among our ancestors, but this is to be, I hope, a biography of the original, or waht I might affectionately call, "Ole Man William."

It would, I believe, be well for me here and now to give you a letter written by Mrs. B. F. Quicksall, 4515 Voth Road, Beaumont, Texas, who is descendant through William Blewett, Jr.

This family record was written in Little Rock in 1848 by John Blewett, who was a grandson of William Blewett, Sr., and later I will discuss many items mentioned in Uncle John's letter.

December 3, 1949

"Dear Mr. Blewett:

I am very sorry that I waited so lond to answer your letter, but I thought I might be able to obtain some additional information on the family. However, all I have is a family record written by John Blewett in 1848, which is in a little book handed down in the family. As you know, my father was William Jason Blewett. His father was William Blewett and his grandfather was the John Blewett who wrote this record. William Blewett, my grandfather, was a captain in the Confederate Army and died in Little Rock, Arkansas, September 19, 1862.

The following is the record as written by John Blewett.

Written in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1848, by John Blewett, grandson of William Blewett, Sr.

'Grandfather Blewett's name was William, and, according tc tradition, was transported from England to the Colonies when about ten years old for the trivial offense of cutting a riding switch off a nobleman's land. His parents unknown. We cannot now ascertain the date of his birth, but suppose about 1730. He was brought up in Philadelphia City at the tailor trade. From there removed to North Carolina on Pee Dee River, which is now the line between Anson and Richmond Counties, when a young man. He was married three times - his first wife was a Garton, by whom he had four children - Thomas, Jane, Hannah and Rebecca.

Thomas married three times, but of his wives we know but little, he had two children to arrive at mature age, Sarah and Thomas Garton. Sarah married Isaac Linair, but they both died childless. Thomas Garton married to Miss Regina deGraffenried of South Carolina. They now (1848) have a large family of children and are living in Columbus, Mississippi. They are now quite wealthy,

Jean, the next of this family married Colonel David Love - moved to Georgia -had a large family of children - nearly all now (1848) dead, but there many grandchildren named Roger, Spark, 16 in Georgia and some further west - they have possessed considerable wealth.

Hannah married a Williams, had several children, all dead but William, who now (1848) lives in Decatur County, Georgia. He has a large family of children. She had one daughter, married to Uncle William Thomas. She had several children, died 1847 in Richmond County, North Carolina. We know nothing of Rebecca.

Grandfather B. by his second wife had no children. Her name is White.

Grandfather's third wife was named Morris. She had nine children; William, Elizabeth, Eli, Polly, Morris, David, James, Susan and Nancy.

William, my father, was born, I suppose, in 1764--died January 1, 1843, 79 years of age. When about 34 years of age he married my mother, Rebecca Thomas, who was born 1774, who died November 28, 1848. My mother had 11 children (vix.) William, Thomas, Sarah, John (myself), Eli, Elizabeth, Hannah, Calvin, Wiley, David B. and Rebecca.

William was born March 11; 1799--died in Jones Valley, Alabama in 1824 or 25--was a large healthy looking man--was an acceptable member of the Baptist Church, died of fever.

Thomas, the second child, was born December, 1800--he died 1817--was a large and healthy youth--he had red hair. He died two days after Brother Calvin.

Sarah, the third child, was born March, 1802--is now living--was married when about 18 years old to Edward Martin. She had one child named, Caroline. Martin died of consumption--then married William Evrite--moved to Georgia, Decatur County, in 1833--the year he died of fever. In 1835 or 36 married Samuel W. Patterson, who are still living in Decatur County, Georgia. Has had no children by Evrrite (sp? possibly Evrite) of Patterson. Caroline married John Patterson, her last husband's brother.

John (myself), the fourth child, born August 5, 1803. Moved to Georgia, Decatur County, 1828, joined the Baptist Church the same year. Married August 3, 1839 to Sarah Parramone, daughter of John and Nancy Parramone of Thomas County, Georgia. Have four children, William, born August 12, 1830; Nancy, born, Regina born, Rose Altha.

Eli, fifth child was born March 1805 and died when about three years old.

Elizabeth, sixth child, was born August 1806 and died when about seventeen years old. She was large and fleshy, red hair, fair, freckled skin, died of fever.

Hannah, seventh child, was born March 1808, died 1833 on the road moving to Georgia. Had the asthma, of which she had been sore afflicted from a child. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Calvin, eighth child, was born March, 1810, died when about seven years of age of fever. He was remarkable for intellect.

Wiley, ninth child, was born March 1812, moved to Georgia with his father in 1833--joined the Baptists in 1834--was ordained to the ministry in 1837--is still (1848) preaching--1844 married Miss Arabella Nicholson, daughter of Dr. Malcolm Nicholson, deceased. She lived ten months, died of fever.

David B., tenth child, was born March 1814, moved with his father to Georgia--in 1840 married Palmyra Rivire--live in Henry County, Alabama--have had no children, member of the Baptist Church.

Rebecca Sicily, eleventh child was born December 1820--still living. She lived with her mother till her death. She is large and fleshy, of dark skin. Father's death was quite sudden--on the evening before he died at eleven o'clock in the night visited one of his neighbors. Mother was painfully afflicted four weeks before she died--had fluttering of the heart with difficulty of breathing.

They are buried beside each other in Decatur County, Georgia in the sixteenth district on lot of land number 79 near the church house.

Aunt Elizabeth, father's sister, died when young.

Uncle Eli, father's brother, married Elizabeth Williams, had a large family of children--moved from North Carolina to Kentucky about 1808. He died several years ago. His descendants are yet in Kentucky and are numerous. He was a Baptist, his family are mostly so. One grandson, Benjamin T. Blewett, is a Baptist minister, is a graduate of Georgetown College, Kentucky.

Aunt Polly, father's sister, married--had a child, moved west, I suppose about Mississippi--married a Mr. Pankey.

Uncle Morris, father's brother, married--had a child--he and child died about 1810. He was a Baptist.

Uncle David, father's brother, never married. Lived with his mother and two sisters - died, I think, about 1818 or '19.

Uncle James never married - died in Georgia at the house of Col. Love, his brother-in-law.

Aunt Susan married a man by the name of Merit Lee - she had several daughters and one son. She died about 1835 or '36. Afterwards Lee married Aunt Nancy, father's youngest sister and still resides in North Carolina, Anson County.

There is further information given about the maternal side of John Blewett's family, but I don't suppose you would be interested in that.

The foregoing was copied as accurately as possible from the orginal handwriting. There is some doubt as to the correct spelling of a few names and places.

To continue with the family record, John Blewett concludes with some general remarks, which follow:

General Remarks

My Grandfather Blewett was a strict Quaker, a just and upright man. Was one of the first settlers in Anson County, North Carolina, and was a leading character in his day, both on a social and political view, having filled the offices of Justice of the Peace and Judge of the County Court through a great part of his life.

Had some peculiar traits of character - he was a man of great rigidness in family discipline, scarcely ever entering into social conversation with them.

In this, Uncle Thomas and father were much like him, ever requiring implicit obedience of their families. Grandfather with his neighbors used plainness and liberty of speech - often spoke in the tone of patriarchial authority and also with the appearance of disregard for their feelings of others, which was allowable then more than now. There was in his manner often the appearance of unkindness when he secretly intended the greatest favor. These traits of character gave him with some people the name of being austere and singular old man, but there was so much that was commendable in his character, blended with his addicts that he had the general respect and esteem of his country.

Uncle Thomas, father, Eli, Morris and Davis were all members of the Baptist Church.

Thomas G. Blewett, wife, and some of his family are members of the Baptist.

Grandfather Thomas was a Baptist minister and all his children were Baptists with one exception (vix.John). The Covingtons, my grandmother's people, were generally Baptists. Grandfather Thomas was mild and agreeable, a pious and humble Christian. He was called a good man. In point of intellect ancestors on both sides have had good sound sense, but few of them, however, have attained eminence in intellectual acquirements. I may here properly remark that none of my uncles have ever been pernicious or miserly, though generally industrious and economical. Dec. 23, 1848.

John Blewett.'

My father, Dr. Blewett, always told me that William Blewett came from Wales. Some years ago, a friend who had had some property left to him in Wales went over there, and at the time looked up the records on the Blewetts. He said that there was a Blewett estate there, but it was in chancery and had been for many years because no heirs had ever appeared to claim it. This man, a native of Wales himself, told my father he knew the Blewetts were from Wales, because he had heard of them all his life.

This is all the information I am able to give you about my family. If you compile a history of the Blewett family, I would appreciate it very much if you would send me a copy.

Let me apologize again for the long delay in answering your letter.

Yours truly,

Mrs. B. F. Quicksall

Genealogists that I employed to search the records of South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Florida, Washington, D. C., Philadelphia and London, England, have not as yet been able to find any record whatever of William Blewett, prior to 1746, when he made application to King George of England for a grant of land in North Carolina.

This can doubtless be charged, as I have previously stated to insufficient, or in many cases, total absence of records, for until recent years, vital records and statistics were not kept by the government, but mostly by families who used the family Bible for the recording of births, marriages and deaths, so perhaps at this time there may be in the possession of some of his descendants the old family Bible that he doubtless used, or perhaps this may be in the possession of some historical society or museum.

In John Blewett's letter quoted above, he mentioned the fact that his grandfather, William Blewett, was born in England, and some others have stated that William Blewett was born in England in 1719, but the Society of Genealogists of London who have done considerable work for me have never been able to find any record of our William Blewett's birth date, place of birth or date of embarkation to the colonies, so in the absence of any official record we may have to assume that he was born in England, for at that time there were many Blewetts in England, and for that matter in Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

Just when our ancestor, William Blewett, came to America is also unknown, as is the manner of arrival, so again we must refer to John Blewett's letter, and being unable to refute statements in his letter, we might assume that he was banished from England, especially so when you read the letter from another William Blewett. You will find in chapter "Fiction and Facts" in which this William Blewett also states that the traditions in England show that such a circumstance might have existed.

In John Blewett's letter, he states that his grandfather, William Blewett, was brought up in Philadelphia at the tailor trade, and this is supported by the execution of certain deeds by William Blewett in which William Blewett (tailor) conveyed certain property, it being the custom at that time for the grantor to be designated by his occupation.

It has been stated that at one time William Blewett owned considerable real estate in the city of Philadelphia, but genealogists searching the records from 1700 to 1800 found no transfers of real estate or any other record of documents, so this must be discounted.

John Blewett's letter further states that William Blewett was a Quaker, but I am going to take exception to that remark, for I contacted the Society of Friends, commonly known as Quakers, who made extensive search of their records in North Carolina, as well as in their general library, but they did not at any time find any record of William Blewett or any other Blewett being a member of the Society of Friends or Quakers.

You will also find that his daughter, Jean, who married Colonel David Love was a Presbyterian, while his son, Thomas and his grandson, Thomas Garton, and other grandsons, were either Baptists or Presbyterians.

Furthermore, you will find that William Blewett was married in the Old Swedes Church, in Wilmington, Delaware, which at that time was Episcopal, so I feel quite sure that if William Blewett had been a Quaker, he would not have been married in the Episcopal or any other but the Quaker Church.

Of course, this John Blewett, in speaking of his grandfather, William Blewett, Sr., as a Quaker, was perhaps quoting gossip, heresay or common rumors, for I went to the trouble and expense of contacting the North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, Guileford, North Carolina, who wrote me as follows;

"My dear Mr. Blewett:

The North Carolina Quaker records do not contain any mention of William Blewett.

There are very few friends in Anson County, and without an organized meeting, there are no records. The Pennsylvania records have all been deposited at the Friends Reference Library at Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa., and I suggest that you inquire there for information on William Blewett. The index of their records has recently been completed and for a nominal fee, you can get what data there is.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy L. Gilbert"

and, as suggested in that letter, I then addressed a letter to the Friends' Historical Library, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, with the following results;

"Dear Mr. Blewett:

I have checked the appropriate records which are in this library but can find no mention of a William Blewett--indeed, no one by the name of Blewett is recorded. The records of Philadelphia Monthly Meeting--the most likely place for the name to be found--are abstracted and indexed in William Wade Hinshaw's Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy. V. 2. I also checked the records of a number of other meetings in and near Philadelphia.

The records of meetings in North Carolina have similarly been abstracted and indexed in the Encyclopedia, v.1. The name Blewett does not appear there, nor was there a Friends meeting in either Anson or Richmond Counties--at least, the meeting does not appear in this volume, and I believe that the Encyclopedia is quite comprehensive.

I am sorry not to have found anything buy this negative evidence. I believe you can assume, however, that William Blewett was not a Quaker.

Sincerely yours,

Lyman W. Riley"

Not being satisfied with the results, I again addressed the Friends Historical Library with the results shown below;

"Dear Mr. Blewett:

I am sorry that the press of other duties and summer vacations have so long delayed an answer to your letter of June 22.

I truly believe that I have exhausted the resources of this library that might throw light on the history of your ancestor, William Blewett, and have found nothing about him.

Sincerely yours,

Lyman W. Riley"

So, I think we can safely assume that William Blewett was NOT a Quaker, but perhaps from his demeanor and characteristics he may have lived the life of a Quaker, as explained by John Blewett.

Now regardless of the fact of whether or not John Blewett was mistaken in stating that his Grandfather, William Blewett was a Quaker, I am forced and frank to say that he was certainly correct in describing the characteristics and traits of this William Blewett, for the traits as depicted in John Blewett's letter certainly describe all of the Blewetts I have known, including myself, according to my dear wife and daughters, for as I have previously stated, all the male Blewetts that I have known have been austere, stern, more or less domineering and impatient with the lighter and gayer tendencies of life.

I am further impressed with the fine remarks of John Blewett in which he states; "I may here properly remark that none of my uncles have ever been pernicious or miserly, though generally industrious and economical," for that also properly describes many of the Blewetts.

In the Federal Census of North Carolina in 1790, as previously mentioned, you will notice that William Blewett did not possess any slaves, while his son, Thomas, possessed ten. This may justify the assumption that William Blewett was a Quaker, as Quakers do not keep slaves, but, on the other hand, it might have been for other reasons, so without further proof you will have to arrive at your own conclusions.

You must remember that if William Blewett was born in 1719, as many people contend, then he was entirely too old for service in the Revolutionary War, for that would have made him over 50 years old, but he did furnish supplies, as you will note from the voucher which was referred to previously.

John Blewett's history also says, "He was transported from England to the Colonies when about ten years old for the trivial offense of cutting a riding switch off a nobleman's land.

As I have previously advised you, much of the above statement by William Blewett's grandson cannot be supported by facts and it seems rather incongruous, even ridiculous, to believe that he was transported from England to the Colonies when about 10 years old for the trivial offense of cutting a riding switch off a nobleman's land, for it is established that many families of Blewetts, as far back as 1422, have been men of honor and standing, and, while it is highly possible, this boy may have been torn from the bosom of his family and brought to America, it is hardly believable. On the other hand, in the Fort Worth, Texas Star-Telegram of September 26, 1950, Ripley's "Believe-it-or-not", quoted as follows: "Edward Pollo of Chelmesford, England, was hanged in 1814 for cutting down a small cherry tree as his act was a capital felony at that time." So, I leave it to your choice as to which story you want to accept, and if he did come to America at the tender age of 10 years, I rather believe that he was shanghied or stolen and brought to Philadelphia, where he was sold or bound out for a certain length of time sufficient to repay his bondman the money advanced and again you must remember that this was no serious disgrace for, as I told you in the previous chapter, Tim Pridgen, in his wonderful book "Tory Oath" and Charles O'Neil in his book, "Morning Time", both recite the way that many genteel people were bound out for various reasons such as to pay their ocean passage or maybe for small debts and were not classed as felons who were also bound out.

I am trying to have the England court records searched, for it seems that if such is true, there would certainly be some record of it in the England courts, but so far nothing has been found. The thought was occured to me, however, that IF he was banished from England, or if he was found guilty of assult as recited in "Fiction and Facts", I do not believe he would have been eligible to obtain land by grants from the King of England, however, I may be mistaken on that part.

Among the papers of my grandfather, Rev. George L. Blewett, there was a genealogy without the name of the writer, place or date, which read in part as follows: "William Blewett, Sr. was left by his father in Pennsylvania when an infant. He was from Scotland. His mother died when he was very young. He was a tailor to trade. He immigrated to Richmond, North Carolina."

In 1746 he made application to the King of England for a grant of 200 acres of land in North Carolina which grant was issued in 1748, and a copy is below.

Below is a copy of the original land grant that our ancestor, William Blewett, obtained from the King of England in 1748, for which he made application in 1746.

The original land grant is in the possession of Mrs. Charles F. Batchelder, Jr. of Milton, Massachusetts, who is the daughter of Blewett Lee and the granddaughter of Thomas Garton Blewett, Sr., as it seems Mrs. Batchelder and her brother, John Lee, now own some of this land that our ancestor obtained from England.

You will note his name is spelled Bluit, and as I previously pointed out, this must have been caused by poor penmanship, as in later years he transferred this same

tract of land to his son, Thomas, using his correct name of Blewett.

This land grant is in Old English, and inasmuch as the Old English letter "s" is not on the present typewriter, I am having my secretary substitute the letter "f", so you will understand where this letter is used in place of "s", it is not a typographical error.

GRANT

George the Fecond by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith, etc. To all to whom thefe Prefents fhall come greeting:

Know ye that we for the inconfideration of the rentf and dutief herein referred have given and granted by thefe prefents for us and our Heirf and Succeffors do give and grant unto William Bluit a tract of land containing 200 acref lying and being in the County of Bladen our Province of North Carolina lying on the No. Et fide of Great Pee Dee beginning about a mile and a half above the mouth of Cartledges Creek at 2 white oaks running No. 25 degrees El 114 poles to a pine; an afh on the River bank then up the river to the firft ftop containing 200 acres as by the plat hereto annexed doth appear. Together with all woodf, waterf, minef, mineralf, hereditamentf and appertances to the faid landf belonging or appertaining (one half of all gold and filver minef excepted), to hold him, the faid Blewett, his heirf and affignf forever af our Manor of Greenwich in our County of Kent in free and common soccage by Fealty only; yielding and praying unto us our heirf and succeffors on the second day of February in each year at fuch placef in our faid privince as our Governor for the time being with the advice and confent of our conful fhall think fit to direct and appoint provided always that in cafe of the faid, William Blewett, heirs and affigns, fhall not within the fpace of Three yearf from the date hereof Plat the fame during his rights and likewise clear and cultivate according to the proportion of Three acres for every hundred, and alfo that if a Minute or Docket or thefe our letters Patent fhall not be entered in the office of our Auditor General for the time being in our faid cafes thefe our Letters Patenf fhall be void and of none effect.

In teftimony Whereof we have caufed the great Feal of our Faid privinces to be hereunto affixed witness our Trufty and well beloved, Gabriel Johnston, Efquire, our Captain General and Governor in Chief at Raleigh, this 30th day of September, in the Twenty Second Year of our Reign, Anno Domini, One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Forty-eight (9/30/1748).

Recorded in the Sec. Office, In Rice Dep Sec.

By His Excellency Command,

In Rice Dep. Sec.

Job Johnston

Enrolled in the Aud. General Office, 31st Sept., 1748

Alex McColloch
Deptuty Auditor.

Other grants were obtained, and I also quote one he obtained in 1770, and at the time of his death he owned several thousand acres, all in this immediate vicinity.

Please note: In the following Land Grant we have tried to make a true copy of the original, but the Old Style "s" isn't present on typewriters so we have used the letter "f", which is as near as we can duplicate the old "s".

North Carolina ss.

No. 235

George the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, etc., to all to whom thefe Prefents fhall come, Greeting: KNOW YE, that We, for an confideration of the Rent and Dutief herein referred, have Given and Granted, and by thefe Prefents, for Us, Our Heirs and Succeffors, DO Give and Grant unto William Blewett a Tract of Land, containing One Hundred Acres, lying and being in the County of Anfon in Our Province of North Carolina, In

Pee Dee Riber, Beginning at a White Oak on a Quarry of Rocks On the N.E. Bank of the River just above Blewett's falls and Running thence 1. 73 W. 21 Chains acroff the River to the Western Bank by a Rock then down the River side to the Western Bank by a Rock then down the River side to the Middlemost of a Cleft of 3 Collumns of Pillars of Rocks then North 11 Chains and 30 Links to the Eastern Shore then up the Water side to the first Station.

24th Dec - 11th Year of George III - 1770

As by the Plat hereunto a (blurred) appear; together with all Woods, Waters, Mines, Minerals, Hereditaments and Appurtenances to the (blurred) and belonging or appertaining (onehalf of all Gold and Silver Mines excepted;) To hold to him the faid William Blewett his Heirs and Affigns, for ever, as of our Monor of East-Greenwich, in our County of Kent, in free and common Soccage, by realty only; Yielding and Paying unto Us, our Heirs and Succeffors, for ever, the yearly Rent of Four Shillings, Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres hereby granted; to be paid unto Us, our Heirs and Succeffors; on the Fecond Day of February in each year, at Fuch Places in our faid Province as our Governor for the Time being with the Advice and Confent of our Council, shall think it fit to direct and appoint. Provided Always, That in Cafe the faid William Blewett, his Heirs and Affigns, fhall not within Three Years from the Date hereof, clear and cultivate according to the Proportion of three Acres for every Hundred; and alfo, That if a Minute or Docket of thefe our Letters Patent, fhall not be entered in the office of Our Auditor-General, for the Time being, in our faid Province, within Six Months from the Date hereof; that then in either of the faid Cafes, thefe our Letters Patent, shall be void and of none Effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caufed the seal of our faid Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness our trufty and well-beloved, William Tryon, Esq; Captain-General, Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over our faid Province, this Twenty-fourth day of December, in the Eleventh Year of Reign. Annoque Domini, one Thousand Feven Hundred and Seventy.

The two land grants just given you covering that portion of land that William Blewett owned, is that now adjacent to Blewett Falls and Blewett Falls Lake, and when I viewed this land while there in March 1951, I was greatly impressed with the typography of the rugged hills and the exceptionally heavy growth of timber and marveled at the determination, the ingenuity and perseverance and courage of our pioneer, William Blewett and others who blazed the trail where we now speed on paved, well-marked highways at 80 miles an hour.

On this trip, we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. and Mrs. Chalk of Rockingham, North Carolina, and Mrs. Chalk's sister, Mr. R. D. Steward of Charlotte, North Carolina, who now owns part of this land, and Mrs. Stewart was kind enough to furnish me with a photostatic copy of the 1770 Land Grant.

You will note these land grants specify Bladen County, for at that time a large portion of North Carolina was designated as Bladen County, and later Anson County was cut out from Bladen County, and later Richmond County was cut out from Anson County, so at this time we have three counties weere then we only had one.

As I have previously told you, no record can be found of William Blewett prior to 1746, but I want to think of my ancestor as a rugged and intrepid pioneer who suffered great hardships, endured many privations, and faced many grave dangers in conquering that unknown and untried land, but again we must remember that those conditions dire as they may appear to us in this day were then accepted as ordinary conditions and did not hold any terror for our illustrious forefathers.

After having viewed this land on our trip there in March 1951, I can better appreciate what a tremendous task it was to conquer this wilderness, to overcome these difficulties and to surmount these obstacles, and I am equally conscious and appreciative of the fact that they did not observe any five day week or any eight hour day, but rested their holdings from the wilderness through endless sweat,

blood and hardship, and I am proud to say without any government subsidies, parity payments or doles such as we have now, for in that day and time, the people supported the government, instead of the people expecting the government to support them as many do now.

You will find many historians, in writing of these pioneers, will mention their first objective and effort was to erect a place of shelter, or home, humble and crude though it may have been. It was a home, however, and which at a later date was doubtless replaced with a more substantial and convenient residence.

After providing this home, their next efforts were directed toward a place of worship, which was often very crude and sometimes a brush arbor, while sometimes a barn would be used or most any place that would permit the congregation, hungry for communion and spiritual fellowship, to meet and mingle in prayer and song in their worship of Almighty God.

Again referring to Uncle John Blewett's record which states William Blewett was born in England in 1719, we cannot support nor refute, and furthermore he stated that William Blewett died in 1813, but I find this to be erroneous and will shortly give you documentary evidence showing that he died prior to 1811.

The next official record we find is where William Blewett married Sarah Garton on July 30, 1751, in Wilmington, Delaware, the services being performed in the Old Swedes Church (then the Church of England), the Rev. Israel Acrehies performing the ceremony.

Sarah Garton was the daughter of John Garton and his wife, Rebecca Gibbons of Bethel, Pennsylvania. Rebecca Gibbons was the daughter or John Gibbons and Sarah Haywood, who were married on July 27, 1700, and this is later singly, inasmuch as my father's brother, Tom K. Blewett, married Della Gibbons of Wise County, Texas in about 1880.

This marriage would refute the statement of some historians who write that Sarah Garton came from England with William Blewett, which statement, I am sure, was based on heresay and does not represent true facts, for this marriage of John Gibbons and Sarah Haywood is recorded in the Philadelphia Monthly Meeting Minutes, Book 1., page 266 and 269, so Sarah Garton was evidently born in or near Philadelphia, and, while I even further traced the matter, I would infer that John Gibbons may have been a member of the Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers.

Of this union of William Blewett and Sarah Garton, four children were born, Thomas, Jean, Rebecca and Hannah, and since Rebecca was not named in her father's will, and since John Blewett's letter recites that she died young, we must assume that she died before the will was written. No record has been found, by myself or genealogists working for me in Charlotte, N. C., Rockingham, N. C., Wadesboro, N. C., or Raleigh, N. C. of the death of a Sarah Garton Blewett, but again referring to John Blewett's letter, you will note he says, "My father, William, Jr. was born about 1764," and since William, Sr. later married a Miss White and later a third wife, Elizabeth Morris, who was the mother of William Blewett, Jr., we must assume that Sarah died prior to 1764 and in fact, the last deed she executed with her husband, William, was dated 1761, while the first deed executed by Elizabeth Morris Blewett was in 1768.

Again, we find no records, whatever, of William Blewett's marriage to this Miss White, nor of her birth or death date, nor do the records disclose the execution of any deed or other official documents bearing her signature, so evidently, if William Blewett was married to a Miss White, she only lived a short time.

We can find no record of the marriage of William Blewett to Elizabeth Morris, and the first knowledge we have of this union is the execution of a deed in Book H-1., page 356, dated April 10, 1768, signed, William Blewett and Elizabeth Blewett, but it is evident that they were married a few years prior to that date.

You will note by referring to these deeds that I am about to give you, that Sarah Blewett and Elizabeth Blewett signed their marks, which, of course, was because they were unable to read or write. But let me remind you that there was nothing unusual in that day and time, and, in fact, for fifty or perhaps a hundred years later,

it was considered unrefined and uncultured for any ladies to be able to read or to write, so you need have no shame or humiliation over the fact that your ancestors were not able to read or write, and, in fact, very few outside of the clergy and professional men were able to read and write.

Another rather unusual factor in these old deeds is that many of them show the occupation of the grantee as well as the grantor, which is not done in this day and time, and you will note that these deeds show William Blewett (taylor), that being the old way of spelling the word, "tailor", and various other deeds show the occupation as planters and gentlemen and sometimes esquire, blacksmith or farmer, so the fact that William Blewett was designated as a tailor would rather lend some support to the statement made by John Blewett, that his grandfather, William Blewett was bound out to a tailor in Philadelphia.

Another unusual and interesting feature of these deeds or real estate transfers are the calling shown on the survey, as many of these deeds recite a white oak tree or some particular rock or some other terrestrial feature that could and often was erased or destroyed, and, of course, such marks or boundaries must have resulted in much confusion, headaches and doubtless law suits in trying to establish the proper surveys, but we must remember that in those days land was very cheap and easy to buy.

A thorough search has been made by the genealogists in North Carolina, but none of them have been able to find any record of the death of either of William Blewett's wives, as well as their place of burial, nor for that matter, found any record of the date of death or place of burial of William Blewett, himself, so as I have previously stated, we can only arrive at these approximate dates by the dates shown on other documents as I have previously described.

Other historians have written that William Blewett died in 1813, but this is disproved by official records in North Carolina, for in Book N & O, page 195, dated January 13, 1812, you will find a tract of land described as that on which Elizabeth and David Blewett now reside and formerly the property of William Blewett, deceased, this document having been signed by Elizabeth Blewett and her son, David Blewett, and inasmuch as this document was acknowledged by the January Court in 1811, it is obvious that William Blewett died previous to that date.

In Book S, page 461, dated November 26, 1819, you will find a record where William Blewett executed a deed on land formerly owned by David Bluet (please note the spelling, "Bluet"), and this was witnessed by Sarah Blewett, and I am sure that this was William Blewett, Jr. and the Sarah Blewett who witnessed this document was Thomas Blewett's daughter and not Sarah Blewett, the first wife of William Blewett,Sr.

There is no positive record as to the family of Elizabeth Morris, but papers show the name frequently so she must have been from that vicinity and again we find no record of her birth, her death or place of burial. A search is being prosecuted for that information. Perhaps at this time it would be well for me to quote from another letter of Mr. Robert Moseley, a genealogist working with the D.A.R., Washington, D.C., dated November 30, 1949; "I thank you for your inquiry in reference to the names of the wives of William Blewett and his grandson, James. You have given us a rather large order, especially in view of the State's records of marriages giving the surname of the bride were seldom mentioned until we came to the nineteenth century. One of the most difficult problems applicants to the Society (DAR) meet is to prove who the bride's family were and when and where the marriage or marriages took place. Sometimes when the early marriages were performed by itinerant ministers only the groom's name was given." So you see we have one obstacle we will never surmount. Another thought that comes to mind is that in those pioneer days churches and preachers, or others licensed to perform marriage ceremonies, were few and far between and it was a general practice and custom for a young couple who desired to get married to stand up before a group of an uncertain number and state their intentions and such a declaration was recognized as legal and moral until such time as an opportunity presented itself for them to enjoy a legal ceremony. In some instances this interval could be prolonged for two or three years as recited in many books that I have read.

The following records will show the children of William Blewett, Sr., scattered from the home nest, settling in Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina and Kentucky, where many of them reared large families, who in turn produced many children, some as many as seventeen, as you will find in reading further. This noble ancestor well served his country and land by giving it descendants who have in most cases proven worthy of the name and deserving of the prestige he left them.

It is indeed most fortunate that the will of William Blewett is on file in the State Department of Archives and History, and I give you this, complete and verbatim, although I think I should call your attention to the fact that in this will the name is spelled incorrectly, even as to the signature.

This will also names all of the children from his three marriages, with the exception of his daughter, Rebecca, who died previous to the execution of this will in 1790.

It is regrettable that we cannot, however, find any record of this being probated which would, of course, give us the exact date of William Blewett's death.

His will also refutes the statement made by some people that the fish hatchery was operated by Thomas Blewett, for you will note this fish hatchery was bequeathed to his six sons.

From: N. C. State Department of Archives and History
Anson County Wills - Book A, p 34 (Microfilm)

No. 18

In the anme of God Amen. I, William Blewet, of the county of Anson, State of North Carolina, being well in body and of sound mind and memory, calling to mind my own mortality, do think proper to make and constitute this my last will and testament in manner and form following -

Imprimis. I give and bequeth to my son Thomas 200 acres of land in Richmond County patented in my own name. Also 230 acres adj. aforesaid patented by Robert Jarman, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Eli Blewet 245 acres of land lying between my son Thomas Blewet and Carthage Creek, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son William Blewett, 300 acres of land on McCoys Creek in Anson County, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Morris Blewett 100 acres of land adj. my son Eli Blewet on the lower side of Carthage Creek in Richmond County to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son David Blewet 100 acres of land in Anson County whereon I now live, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son James Blewet 320 acres in Anson County adj. my son David Blewet patented by Robert Jarman, to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my six sons Thomas, William, Eli, Morris, David and James all my Fishery to be equally divided amongst them each one doing his proportion of labour in keeping the same in repairs, to them and their heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to Thomas Watkins of Richmond County, the seventh part of aforesaid Fishery willed to my six sons, he now being possessed of the property of the same but his title not by me conveyed, the said Thomas Watkins doing his proportion of labour to keep said Fishery in repair, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I leave with my loving wife Elizabeth Blewet (after my just debts being paid) during her life or widowhood all my movable estate, and settle her on my son David's land during her life.

My will is in case my wife Elizabeth should marry and after my decease, that two thirds of all my movable estate be sold and the money arising therefrom to be equally divided between my two daughters Susannah and Anne.

I will the privilege of my Ferry to my two sons Thomas and David, to them and their heirs forever.

Lastly, I constitute and appoint my three sons, Thomas, William and Eli my sole

Executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have herunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

Wm. Blewet (Seal)

Asigned and ack'd in the presence of us
Test: Thomas Smith, Jurate
Jacob Morris
Hardy Hooker, Jurate
John Smith, Carpenter

No Probate shown.

The following are taken from the official records and are also of much interest and especially William Blewett's participation in the petition of remonstration of 1769.

From: N. C. Department of Secretary of State
Land Grant Office

LAND GRANTS

Book 2, p 200

Edmond Cartledge & Wm Blewet. 275 acres on the NE side of Pee Dee River beginning at a hickory Thomas Jones beginning three on the river, and runs No 35 Et 43 poles to a pine Jones second corner, then So 55 Et 140 poles with his land to a Red Oak on the bank of Cartledges Creek, then No. 35 Et 320 up the said creek the various courses thereof to Edmond Cartledges upper tract of land on the said creek, then No. 60 Et 70 poles to a White Oak Cartledges corner, then So 77 Wt 210 poles to the third corner of Wm Blewetts land on the river, then 25 Wt 154 poles with his Land to the river, then S 20 poles with the river to the first station.
Dated 1st July 1758
Entered---------- (Does not give the county but indexed as Anson)

Book 13, p 194

William Blewet. 400 acres on the No. Et side of the P.D. River beginning at a White Oak on the So side of Cartledges Creek and runs No. 30 Wt 250 poles crossing Cartledges Creek to a black jack, then No 54 Et 330 poles up the said Creek to a pine, then So 50 Et 130 poles crossing the said creek to a Hickory, then SO 54 Wt 330 poles down the said creek to the first station.
Dated 6th March 1759
Entered----------

Book 20, p 617

William Blewet. 100 acres Anson No Et of Pedee on Cartledge Creek beginning at an elm on the lower bank of Cartledges Creek deemed near the 3rd corner of Blewetts and Cartledges joint survey and running thence So 55 Et 31 chains and 63 links, then No 35 Et 31 chains and 63 links, then No 55 W 31 chains and 63 links, then direct to the beginning.
Dated 24th Dec 1770
Entered 18th April 1767

Book 20, p 616

William Blewet. 10 acres Anson County on Peedee River beginning at White Oak and Quarry of rocks on the No Et bank of the river just above Blewets Falls and running thence So 73 Wt 21 chains across the river to the Western bank by a rock, then up the river to the middlemost of a cleft of 3 columns or Pillows of rocks, then No 11 chains and 30 links to the Eastern shore, then up the river side to the first sta.
Dated 24th Dec. 1770
Entered----------

From: N. C. State Department of Archives and History
Anson County Deeds (Microfilm)

Book C No. 1, p 328
July 10, 1758

Edmund Cartledge & Wm Blewet of Anson County to John Crawford --
A tract of land granted to the said Edmund Cartledge & Wm Blewet by his Majesty letter patent the first day of July 1750 upper corner of said land on the N side of Cartledge Creek --- to Thos Jones line - including half the said tract being 137½ acres.

Test: James Downing
William Terry

Signed - Edm Cartledge
William Blewet

Book 6, p 34
October 3, 1758

William Blewett of Anson County Taylor & Sarah his wife to
George Carter of same county - -
10 lbs proc, money. All that part of a tract of land in county aforesaid as per patent granted to the sd William Blewet 6th March 1759 containing 125 acres - beginning at an oak on the N side of Cartledges Creek standing the line of the above said tract - to a black jack - to a branch of the sd creek called the Dry Works - lying and being in the county aforesaid on the NE side of the No Wt side of Cartledges Creek - containing 125 acres.

Test: Richard Rottenberry
his
James x Haltman
mark

William Blewett
her
Sarah x Blewett
mark

Book 6, p 199
29th May 1761

Please note deeds are signed William Blewet (Taylor) "Tailor"

William Blewet of Anson County, Taylor & Sarah his wife to
Thomas Blassingin of same county - -
Tract of land in Anson County on the S side of Cartledges Creek beginning at a white oak - to the creed part of a tract granted to the said Wm Blewet March 6, 1759 beginning at a white oak on the E side of Cartledges Creek crossing a spring branch to a black jack - to a white oak Wm Blewetts beginning - 102 acres - that the said Wm Blewet and Sarah his wife are seized thereof a good absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance.

Test: Xtopher Hunt
John Long

William Blewet
her
Sarah x Blewet
mark

Book H-1, p 356
10th April 1768

William Blewet of Anson County & Elizabeth his wife to
William Morris of same county - -
5 lbs proc. money. Tract of land in Anson County containing 150 acres on the NE of Peedee and No of Cartledges Creek beginning at a white oak standing in Edmund Cartledges line and near a small branch - to a stake having 2 White oaks and a hickory pointers - it being a tract granted to the sd William Blewett by patent dated April 1768.
Test: Samuel Davis, Robert Webb, Proved Apr. Term 1769 - Wm Blewett & Elizabeth B.

Book 7, p 323
28th Aug. 1769

Morgan Brown Gent & Elizabeth his wife of Anson County
to William Blewet & John Crawford Planters of same county - -

320 lbs. All that part of the sd two tracts of land in Anson on the N side of Pee Dee it being part of the tract granted to John Newberry 8th Oct 1747 containing 545 acres beginning at an ash standing on the river below the Grassy Island Ford - to a red oak - to a maple on the river bank - the same course in the river including the Island called Jordan's Island - containing 180 acres - it being part of the above sd tract - thence with Morgan Browns line being part of sd tract that he bought of John Newberry - containing 200 acres more or less by John Netelberry the patent is to John Hamer by deed dated June 19, 1752 and from John Hamer to Wm Farrell by deed dated 6th April 1754 and from Ferrell to Morgan Brown by deed dated 3rd July 1757.
Test: Jno Hamer
Hez Russ - Jno Hamer Jr
Signed - Morgan Brown
July Court 1770

Book 7, p 317
6th July 1770

William Blewett Exqr of Anson County & Elizabeth his wife
to Thomas Dockery - -

86 lbs. All that part of a tract of land in Anson County granted to the said Wm Blewett 6th Mar. 1759 except such part that is already sold - beginning on the Wt side of Cartledges Creek about 20 poles below the mouth of the fork & two poles to the beginning tree of sd land sold to Thomas Dockery - 173 acres with all houses.
Test: Jno Crawford
Wm Covington
William Blewet
her
Elizabeth x Blewett
mark
Ack'd July Court 1770

Book K, p 290
15th July 1773

William Blewett Esquire & Elizabeth his wife
John Crawford Esq & Anne his wife - all of Anson County
to James Stuart of Bladen County, Gentlemen - -

200 lbs proc. money. Tract of land in Anson on the NE side of the Great Pee Dee River being part of a tract given and granted unto John Newberry by patent dated 8th Oct 1747 - containing 545 acres - beginning at an ash on the river bank below a grassy island ford which crosses the said river - to a red oak - to a black oak standing on the lower end of Jordan's Island - down the meanders of the West side of the Island to the beginning - reference to deed from John Newberry to Morgan Brown 19th June 1752 - 18- acres being part of the first above mentioned tract of 545 acres. One more part or parcel of above 545 acres beginning at a Black Oak standing on the lower end of an Island - to a maple on Morgan Browns line - with his line to a white oak mentioned in conveyance from John Newberry to the said Morgan Brown - to a red oak - to an oak standing on the South bank of Mountain Creek thence to a pine growing on the north bank of said Creek - including the Island in the river - this last described tract being heretofore conveyed by John Newberry to John Hamer - by him to William Ferrell & from him to Morgan Brown - including in

in these two tracts 380 acres.
Test: Robert Jarman — William Blewett
David Love — Elizabeth Blewett
Ack'd July Court 1774 by Wm Blewett — John Crawford
& John Crawford — Ann Crawford
Private examination of Elizabeth Blewett & Anne Crawford, Oct 13, 1774
From: N. C. Department of Secretary of State
Land Grant Office

Book 20, p 672

William Blewett. 300 acres Anson County on the So W of Pee Dee river beginning at a white oak standing on the S side of the North fork of McCoys Creek in the hollow and runs thence So 78 W poles to a stake among four black jack pointers then No. 12 W 220 poles to a stake among three black jack pointers, then No. 78 E 220 poles, then So 12 E 220 poles to the first station.
Dated 18th April 1771
Entered - - - - - - -

Book 23, p 299

William Blewett. 150 acres Anson No Et of Pee Dee and North of Cartledges Creek beginning at a white oak in said Edmond Cartledges line and near East of a small branch and runs thence No 68 Wt 38 Chains and 73 Links to a stake having two pines and a white oak pointers, then So. 22 Wt 38 chains and 73 links to a stake two white oaks and a hickory pointers, then So. 68 Et 38 chains and 73 links to a stake and three white oaks pointers, then direct to the beginning.
Dated 29th April 1768
Entered - - - - - - -

Book 116, p 4

William Blewett. 249 acres in Anson beginning at a Red Oak one hickory and two post oak pointers standing in David Blewetts line and runs with his said line N 140 poles to a maple standing on the river bank, then up the river No 5 deg W 37 poles to a holly and water tree Spencer's corner, then with his said line S 65 W 280 poles to a stake in Auld's line amidst two pines and a black oak pointers, then with the said Auld's line N 70 E 69 poles to a pine amidst two black jack pointers, then S 254 poles to a stake amidst two pines and one black oak pointers in Tarver's line, then E 82 poles to a stake in Tarver's Field, then N 190 poles to a pine one black oak pointers Blewet's corner, then E with his said line 111 poles to the beginning.
Ent. Aug. 13, 1801
Granted Nov. 3, 1802

Book 131, p 77

William Blewet. 47 acres Anson Adj. his own & Samuel Spencer's Island beginning at a stake one posiman one pine pointers and runs N 25 W 23 chains and 50 links to a stake one black gum one red Oak pointers, then S 78 W 17 chains to a stake in Samuel Spencers line, then S 12 E 26 Chains & 50 links to a stake, then N 68 E 22 chains to the beginning.
Dated 20th Dec. 1816
Entered 10th Jan. 1816
From: N.C. State Dep't Archives & History
Anson Co. Court Minutes 1771 - 1776

July 1771 -- William Blewett, Esq - Justice
William Blewett, Esq. is appointed to take the list of taxables from Hitchcocks Creek to Mountain Creek - Edwd Almond & John Webb Constables

to warn the people within the same.

October 1771 - The following Justices returned their lists of tasables, to wit -
William Blewett
et al

January 1772 - His Majestys Commission of the Peace for the County of Anson from the Excellency the Governor being produced in Court direct to all his Majestys Honourable Council and to
William Blewett, et al
(He did not qualify at this court)

Deed from Robert Jarman to Wm Blewett for 230 acres proved by Joseph Martin.
Wm Blewett - on Grand Jury for next court.
Deed from Wm Blewett to Samuel Williams proved by John Wade.
Deed from Wm Blewett to Robert Jarman for 30 acres proved by Nathaniel Ashley.

July 1772 - Deed from John Husbands & Tabitha his wife and Wm Blewett and Elizabeth his wife to Wm Thomas for 65 acres proved by Simon Thomas.
Deed from John Husbands & wife to Wm Blewett for 65 acres proved by Wm. Thomas.

January 1773 - Ordered that Isaac Falconberry be appointed overseer of the road in the room of Robert Jarman from Blewetts Ferry to the Court House.
William Blewett - Juror for next Superior Court.
(N.B.) the road leading from Blewetts Ferry to Drowning Creek over the rocky fork of Hitchcock Creek omitted to have an overseer appointed. Order therefor Thos Dockery former overseer. Feb. 26, 1773
(The above is as given in the minutes.)

April 1773 - The last will & testament of John Husbands proved by Wm Blewett & William Thomas. Tabitha Husbands, Exx appointed in said will qualified. Inventory of estate returned.

William Blewett, Esq. - Justice

From: N.C. State Dep't Archives
Anson County Deeds (Microfilm)

Book K, p 340
24th Oct 1774

Stephen Jackson of Anson County Blacksmith to William Blewet of same, Taylor - 225 Proc Money. Two certain tracts of land in Anson - one containing 400 acres on the S W Side of Pee Dee River - beginning at a pine said to be Hamor's corner in McCoys line - to a stake among 2 pines & 4 black jacks - to a stake among 3 pines and a Turkey oak pointers near Kitteralls and Mundines corner granted to Robert Jarman by patent dated 1769 and by him conveyed to Stephen Jackson by deed dated Jan. 5, 1773. The other 100 acres on the S W side of Peedee River - beginning in a black oak William McCoys beginning - granted to John Hamer by patent deed dated 1756 and by deed dated June 8, 1768 and by him to Stephen Jackson by a deed dated Jan 5, 1773 only a reserve excepted for the use of Robert Jarman a privilege of making on the Shoals of the River below Blewetts Falls a proper place to draw a seine without Lett. Ack'd January Term 1775

Book K, p 530
1st March 1776

Robert Jarman of Anson County Farmer
to William Blewett of same, Taylor - -

Whereas his Majesty George the third King of Great Britain, etc by letters patent dated 24 Dec 1770 did grant unto William Blewett of the county aforesaid all that tract or parcel of land in Anson containing 100 acres on the Pee Dee River - beginning at a white oak on a quarry of rocks on the N E Bank of the river just above Blewetts Falls and running across the river to the western bank by a rock - down the river to the middlemost of a list of 3 columns or Pillars of rocks - to the Eastern shore as by patent and conveyed by deed from said William Blewett to the said Robert Jarman by deed dated 7th Feb. 1772.

Test: Chas. Medlock
John Batt Baird
Proved July Court 1778

Book 4, p 351
4th January 1783

William Blewett of Anson County & Elizabeth his wife
to David Love - -

5 lbs proc. money. Tract of land in Anson County on the So Wt side of Pee Dee River - beginning at the west corner of a tract of land patented by Robert Jarman 12th Sept 1769 containing 400 acres adj. Hamers & Mundines corner - with his line to his other corner - to Jarmans line with William Blewett received a deed for 80 acres.

Test: Joseph Martin
Morgan Brown
Signed - Wm. Blewett
Proved Oct. Court 1783

From: N.C. State Dep't of Archives and History
Anson County Court Minutes 1771 - 1776
(These minutes begin in middle of Jan. Court 1775)

Jan. 1775 - William Blewett, Esq - Justice

Apr. 1775 - Deed from Samuel Davis to John Crawford proved by Jonathon Lewellyn. Ordered that William Leggett be appointed overseer of the road from John Chiles Landing on Pee Dee to the Rocky fork near the Bridge and that all the hands from the mouth of Mountain Creek to the head of the South fork of Hitchcock and from thence down the rock fork of Hitchcock, thence down Hitchcock to the mouth of the Lick Catfish road thence to Blewetts Ferry thence up Pee Dee to the beginning work on the same and keep it in good repair.

July 1775- Ordered that William Blewett be appointed overseer of the road from the court house to his ferry with the following hands, to-wit- Isaac Falconberry, Samuel Spencer, David Love and Wm Blewett's own hands.

William Blewett, Esq. mentioned in the Commission of the Peace from his Excellency the Governor came into court and was qualified.

Oct. 1775 - Deed from John James Sr. & wife to John James Junr proved by Wm Love
William Blewett, Esq. - Justice

Jan. 1776 - William Blewett, Esq. - Justice

July 1776 - State of No. Carolina, Anson County
Whereas by a resolve or an ordinance of this state for establishing inferior courts of Pleas & Quarter Sessions & a Commission of the Peace

and a Dedimus for the county of Anson from the President or Governor of this State directed to William Blewett, Robert Thomas, et al, was openly read at the Courthouse on the 14th January in the first year of the Independence and in the year of our Lord 1777 - -
(William did not qualify at this court)

Jan. 1777 - Deed from George Webb to William Thomas proved by Abraham LeFevor.
John Crawford was elected Sheriff.
Ordered that William Blewett be continued overseer of the road from his ferry to the Court House.
Ordered that George Wilson be continued overseer of the road from Island Creek to the fork of Blewetts ferry road above Col. David Love.

April 1777- , July 1777 From N.C. State Dep't of Archives & History
Anson County Wills & Inventories Books 1&2

Book 1, p 19
12 th Oct 1773

John Husbands of Anson County to Wife Tabitha
The whole of my estate for paying of debts & bringing up my children.
My will is that my children male and female be co-heirs of my land and other estate at the death or surrender of their mother.
Appoint my wife Tabitha sole Executor.
Test: William Blewett
Joseph Martin John Husbands (Seal)
William Thomas
Proved April Court 1774 by Wm. Blewett & Wm. Thomas. Tabitha Husbands Executor qualified.

From: N.C. State Dep't of Archives & History
Anson County Minutes 1771-1776 (Microfilm)

July 1774 - Two deeds from Samuel Williams to Henry Williams proved by William Blewett.
Ordered that William Blewett be allowed 50 lbs per annum to commence from last Court for ferrying and settling over the County people at his own ferry on the Pee Dee having business at Court, Elections, Musters, Etc.
William Blewett, Esq., - Justice
Deed from William Blewett & wife & John Crawford & wife to James Steward acknowledged by William Blewett & John Crawford. Ordered that Dedimus issue to Charles Medlock to take the relinquishment of Elizabeth Blewett & Ann Crawford.

Oct. 1774.- William Blewett, Esq. - Justice
Anson County Wills & Inventories (Microfilm)
p. 222 - Account sale of John Husband's estate - May 17, 1774 - to Mr. William Blewett - 1 old chane (chain?), 1 old box, 1 parcel of Pewter, 1 brass Kettle.
John James, Tabitha James, Admrs.

From: NC State Dep't of Archives & History
Anson County Deeds (Microfilm)

Book D&E (E&F?), p 29
12th April 1794
William Blewett of Anson County, Taylor
to John Hall Martin of same county, Planter - -

15 lbs. Tract of land in Anson County containing 25 acres beginning at said Martins Spring Branch in Makoys line - up said branch to the head of another branch it being part of a tract of land granted to Robert Jarman by patent dated 1769 and by him to Stephen Jackson in 1773 and from said Jackson to William Blewett by deed dated 1774.

Test: John Smith — William Blewett
Jesse Martin
Mauvis Blewett

Proved in Jan Court 1797 by Jesse Martin

Book N&O, p 195
13th Jan 1812

Elizabeth Blewett & David Blewett her son of Anson County
to Thomas G. Blewett of Richmond County

54 dollars. Tract of land on which said Elizabeth and David Blewett now live formerly the property of William Blewett Dec'd - beginning on the river bank of a point of Rocks above the ferry about 12 poles the machine house - to a walnut tree - to the bank of the river near a white oak & persimmon tree - including Blewetts ferry the whole containing 5½ acres together with houses, etc.

Test: Thomas Dockery — her
Thomas Morss — Elizabeth x Blewett
mark
Ack'd Jan Court 1811 by Daniel Blewett — David Blewett
Proved by Thos Morss

Book S, p 461
26 Nov. 1819

William Blewett, admr of the estate of David Bluet of Anson County
to Daniel Kelly of same - -

100 dollars. By virtue of a bond given by the said David Blewett to the said Daniel Kelly - to be void on condition of making him the said Daniel a good title to kOO acres of land where the said David Blewet lived and died - - & the said William Bluett admr as aforesaid do by these presents confirm to the said Daniel Kelly a tract of land in Anson beginning at a black oak S W of Pee Dee River William McCoy's corner - to a white oak in the river bank - 100 acres which was granted to John Hamer by patent 27 Sept 1756 - and also the seventh part of the fish traps attached to the aforesaid 100 acres of land.

Test: James Wall — William Blewett
Wm Clark
Sarah Bluett

Proved Jan Term 1820 by James Wall

Record of Blewitts taken from the Army Account of North Carolina on file in the office of the State Auditor.

William Bluett allowed claim for sundried furnished the army by Com'ee of Claims 1st December 1776.

Bol. 4 Army Accounts Voucher #689

Book XI-10-1 William Blewit for wagon and team hire - Claim No. 205
Nov. 1776 (This also in Book V-2-1)

Book VIII-88-1 Dec. 1776, No. 891 - William Blewett 2.-.

Book IV-100-1 The U. S. to the State of N. C. for following disbursements made by the said State for army contingencies No. Voc 689
William Blewett for sundries 5.-.

I have previously told you of the strife and conflicts in North Carolina between the British or Tories and the Whigs or Revolutionists, so here is a piece of history I want to give you, taken from Volune 8, pages 75 to 80:

"Petition of the inhabitants of Anson County, being part of the remonstrance of the Province of North Carolina - October 9, 1769.

- - - - - Wm. Blewett - - - -.

- - - -"

These people of North Carolina remonstrated under date of October 9, 1769, and our ancestor, William Blewett, was one of the signers of the following petition:

"Our distressed condition calls aloud for aid. May our alarming cries reach your ears.

How relentless is the breat without sympathy, the heart that cannot bleed on a view of our calamity!

We see tenderness removed, cruelty stepping in, and our liberties abridged by malefactors - O how daring - whilst impending judgment loudly threatens and gazes upon them.

A few of our many grievances, for which we seek redress, are as follows:

1. We must pay our taxes in currency instead of in produce.
2. Taxes levied do not take account of the generally impoverished condition of the Western countries.
3. Court expenses imposed in minor cases are excessive.
4. Lawyers who extort high fees are required for even trivial court actions.
5. Courts are held at places inconvenient to the poor defendants.

We petition that Dr. Benjamin Franklin or some other known patriot be appointed agent to represent our cause in England."

In Volume 14, page 596, in the period of 1779-1780, General Harrison wrote to General Gates under date of September 10th, 10 P.M. at his camp at Cross Creek which town no longer exists, writing as follows:

"I received information that a British deserter was in Cross Creek - - a small party of horses crossed at Blewets Ferry, 6 miles from Pee Dee on the N.E. side -"

This evidently occured in British General Cornwallis' march from Charleston, South Carolina to Charlotte, North Carolina, and as I have previously told you, it is apparent that this march passed through that section of Anson County occupied by your ancestors.

From State Records, Volune 21, pages 15 to 17, the following occurs: November 7, 1788, the House met according to adjournment. Mr. Miles King moved for leave and presented a bill to establish inspection of tobacco in the county of Richmond on the land of William Blewett on the S.E. side of the Pee Dee River which was read the first time, passed, and sent to the Senate.

North Carolina State Records & North Carolina Colonial Records

Vol. 20, page 488, Nov. 7, 1788 - A Bill to establish an academy in the County of Richmond on the lands of William Blewett on the South East side of the Pee Dee River. Passed

Photostatic Copy of a Voucher issued to

WILLIAM BLEWETT

No. 491. State of North Carolina, Auditors Office for the Counties of Anson, Montgomery and Richmond. July 20, 1782. This may certify that

William Blewett

(Word blurred) his claim and was allowed Five Pounds Twelve Shillings, species,

John Auld
Stephen Waller
Thad Chiles (?)

(Word blurred) Thos. Wade. In Clerk, L5.12.0 - 11.6 L 6.3.6

BLEWETT RECORDS

WILLIAM BLEWETT a Justice of the Peace for Anson County.
Ordinances of the Convention 1776.
State Records of North Carolina Vol XXIII, pages 993-995.
WM. BLEWETT Presides at Court.
"North Carolina)
)Ss - Anson Inferior Court, October Term 1770
Anson County)
Presdnt -- His Majesty's Justices, to wit---
William Blewett, ----------Esquires."
Col. Rec. Vol. VIII, Page 255.
From the House Journal, 1788
Monday, November 10, 1788.
The Bill to establish an Inspection of Tobacco in the County of Richmond on the Lands of William Blewett, on the South East side of the Pee Dee River, was read the second time, passed and sent to Senate.
State Records Vol. XXI, page 21.

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Colonial Records of North Carolina, Volumes 8 and 23

Without a doubt this ancestor of ours was a man of influence and prestige, prominent in his community and respected by all who knew him and while perhaps he may not have been a leader, it is obvious that he held and enjoyed the confidence of his fellow men who respected his integrity and his judgment and regardless of the fact of whether or not he was a Quaker or a Baptist, and regardless of the fact that no proof is offered otherwise, I am justified in assuming that he was a man of deep religious conviction, who lived up to and maintained the principles of morality that he advocated, so we will leave William Blewett, Sr. to rest in an unmarked grave, awaiting the call to judgment in which he will, I am sure, stand vindicated and receive proper rewards from the God that he served.

DAUGHTERS OF WILLIAM BLEWETT, SR. (First Marriage)

Through the marriage of William Blewett, Sr. to Sarah Garton, three daughters were born, Jean, Hannah (sometimes referred to as Susannah) and Rebecca, so I believe it would be in order for me at this time to devote space to these three girls, although my information is very meager.

REBECCA:

In John Blewett's letter of 1848, he remarked that Rebecca died before marriage, but I have found no record of her death, nor is she mentioned in any documents, not even in her father's will, which was written in 1790, so we are justified in assuming that Rebecca died prior to that date.

HANNAH (or SUSANNAH)

Hannah, or Susannah, was born in Anson County, North Carolina, but we have no record of her birth date or in fact of any other dates, although it is believed that she was born in 1758 and died in 1830; however, no official records have been found.

She was married to William Williams, son of Samuel Williams, who came to North Carolina in about 1700, William Williams being born in March 1751, and they produce a large family of which, however, no record has been found, nor has any of the descendants come forward with any information.

After their marriage, the family moved to Georgia and Louisiana and later returned to North Carolina.

Some historians have recorded that William Williams was a British officer in the Revolutionary War, but it seems that he later turned his sympathies to the Whigs or Revolutionists and was killed by Tory sympathizers at a regular muster in South Carolina in 1779, as it seems he resided near St. Mary, South Carolina in 1776.

Several children had died in infancy and the only record we have was the one daughter, Sarah, who married William Thomas and who died in Richmond County, North Carolina in 1847.

I am indebted to Mrs. Robert F. Harkins, 807 South Mountain View Circle, Johnson City, Tennessee, for the following information: Their son, William, was born June 25, 1791 and died in August 22, 1860. His first marriage in 1816 was to Keziah, daughter of Ludowick Ashley. His second marriage was in 1825 to Cassandre Sheppard.

William Williams, son of William and Hannah (Blewett) Williams was born in St. Mary's, Georgia, June 25, 1791. Most of his childhood was spent with his Uncles Abner and Burton Williams. He inherited the property of his Uncle Burton and lived in Florida many years. He married in 1816, Keziah, daughter of Ludowich Ashley, by whom he had three children, viz:

Abner	born Dec. 22,	1817	died 1851
Tabitha Ann	"	1819	" 1856
William	"	1821	" 1846

William Williams first wife died in 1822, and in 1825 he married Cassandre Sheppard:

Caroline Jane born Jan. 18, 1826 died March 1903

Caroline Jane married Jonathon Donalson, Dec. 17, 1841

James	July 22, 1828	Feb. 22, 1857
Blewett		
Burton		
Sarah Ann -- Married Dr. Bruce		

Hannah - married Carrow Scott
Tyler
Georgia Ann Washington, Born July 4, 1840, married
William O. Fleming
Andrew - married Ruth Innis

Children of Andrew Williams and Ruth Innis: Helen, Nan and Maggie.
Children of Georgia Williams and William O. Fleming:
Lily; died unmarried.
Mary Carolyn; married Edward Pohlman.
John Fleming; married Frances Jackson.
Sally; died unmarried.
Georgia; died unmarried.
Will; died unmarried.
Ed; married Madeline Butts.
Rutherford; married Madeline ; no children.
Ethel; married Albert Russell, no children
Russell; married Dorothy English; one daughter, Georgia, unmarried
Wilber; married Mrs. Grace Foch, no children.
Mary Caroline Williams married Edward Pohlman, children:
Hortense; married August Sundstrum of Stockholm, Sweden. Children:
Fleming Sundstrum; married Elizabeth Crantz
Richard Fleming Sundstrum married Cedar Crantz. Children:
Mary; married Ray Cedar Crantz; one child, Angelica, Henrietta and
Frank; married Jacqueline Lankashire.

It would be interesting at this time to know if William Williams was in any way related to Bessie Williams, who became the wife of Eli K. Blewett, but it is impossible for me to ascertain at this late date if such is the case.

JEAN:

It was my good fortune to contact some members of the Sparks family, now residing in Macon, Georgia, resulting in exchange of letters with Hon. O. A. B. Sparks, a prominent attorney of Macon, Georgia, and a descendant of Jean Blewett's marriage to Col. David Love, so I am going to give you verbatim the information this honorable gentleman sent me, but before doing so, I would like to call your attention to the extremely peculiar names that Col. David Love and Jean Blewett conferred on their children, which, so far, has never been explained to me and I am not a sufficient student of Greek or Latin to determine the cause of these peculiar names.

Following is the history of Col. David Love and Jean Blewett as furnished by Honorable O. A. B. Sparks of Macon, Georgia:

LOVE:

Lt. Col. David Love was born about 1740 - died November 30, 1798 - married Jean Blewett on October 22, 1772. Their daughter, Achsah Love, married Thomas Sparks (son of William, born 1743, and Sarah.) William came from North Carolina.

David Love was a Member of Provincal Congress, Senator in N. C. in 1777 and Lt.. Col. of State Troops, N. C., see State Records of N. C., page __, Vol. 11 and Wheeler History of N. C., page 85.

He was second manager of State Troops.

He completed military organization of State Troops while Member of Provincal Congress and framod Constitution - Served as Justice of Peace. His chief fighting appeared to have been done with North Carolina Line Troops of Continental Army under General Gates, as a Captain of a company composed of personal friends and acquaintances. This company composed part of a regiment commanded by Colonel Lynch. He was in Battle of Camden, returned home and became conspicuous as a leader of band of neighbors fighting under Francis Marion.

Lt. Col. David Love and Jean Blewett had ten children:

1. Daughter (died same day as born) October 15, 1773
2. Robartus - born October 25, 1774
3. Josephine - born April 9, 1777
4. Achsah - born October 25, 1779 (she was Thomas Sparks' wife)
5. Vartus Mary - born June 24, 1783
6. Beloved - born May 30, 1786
7. Chaste Esther - born October 16, 1788
8. Allelujah - born March 22, 1791
9. Ovid Blewett - born November 6, 1793
10. Friend Ovid - born December 30, 1795

This above came from Love Bible - sworn to by Lizzie Anderson who says Love Bible copied above from it. Signed July 3, 1906.

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Lt. Col. David Love married Jean Blewett at Anson County, October 22, 1772.
Thomas Sparks buried at Shady Dale, Georgia
Col. Love moved from North Carolina to Greene County
Rebartus Love, a child of David Love and Jean Blewett, born in Greene Co.- first frame house built in Greene County.
Col. David Love, child of first wife of William Love. He went to Europe when his father, William, married second time, sailing from Charleston, S. C. He came back to land of his birth near Pee Dee River and found his father dead. He moved to Greene County and settled in "Shoulder Bone Creek" in what was then known as Greene County, now Hancock County, where he died in 1798.

This was copied from a manuscript in which obviously certain words had been omitted and a portion of which could not be deciphered. It is obviously not a true and accurate copy.

CHILDREN OF LT. COL. DAVID LOVE AND JEAN BLEWETT LOVE

1. A daughter - born October 19, 1773 - died same day.
2. Robartus - born October 23 - died _____. Married Falba Alexander
3. Josephus - born April 9, 1777 - married _____, died _____.
4. Achsah - born October 25, 1779 - married Thomas Sparks, died Apr. 6, 1806
5. Vartus (or Vertuous) Mary - born June 24, 1783 - married Boswell Turner - 1800 - died _____.
6. Beloved - born May 30, 1786 - married _____, died 1805.
7. Chaste Esther - born October 16, 1788 - married Abner Turner, April 17, 1806 - died April 6, 1873.
8. Allelujah - born March 22, 1791 - married Henry Rogers - died _____.
9. Ovid Blewett - born November 10, 1793 - died September 10, 1795.
10. Friend Ovid - born December 30, 1795 - married Mrs. Swift - died _____. Was killed by accidental discharge of his rifle (flint and steel) while deer hunting - was in Seminole War - U. S. A.

OVID GARTEN SPARKS, SR.

Son of Thomas Sparks and Achsah Love Sparks - born at Sparks Mill on Indian

Creek and Little River, Putnam County, December 4, 1813 - died October 30, 1900 - Married Josephine Brazael on May 3, 1854. Cotton merchant and commission merchant. Lieutenant in the Floyd Rifles, Mayor of Macon, Member of the House of Representatives of Georgia but expelled by Federal Military to make room for white or negro Republican.

WILLIAM HENRY SPARKS:

Son of Thomas Sparks and Achsah Love Sparks - born January 16, 1800 - died in Marietta, Georgia, January 13, 1882.

Married (1) Mrs. Green (2) Sue Chambliss (3) Carrie - was a painter - author - (wrote "Memories of Fifty Years) - Attorney - represented Putman County in Georgia House of Representatives in 1825. Declined Whig nomination for United States Senate in Louisiana. Resided in Georgia, Mississippi and Louisiana. Buried in O. G. Sparks, Sr. lot in Rose Hill Cemetery. Graduated at Yale University.

Green Hero's Grave Marked

Macon Residents attended Dedication Ceremonies

A group of Macon persons yesterday attended the dedication of a marker at the grave of Col. David Love, Revolutionary War Soldier, at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Greene County.

The dedication was sponsored by the Atlanta Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Among those who went from Macon were Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Anderson, Sr., Mrs. Julian Lewis, Mrs. Tom Stewart and Mrs. Annie Hall, and Mrs. J. W. Pottle of New York.

Dr. T. B. Rice historian of Green County at Greensboro, made the principal address. Visitors and members of the DAR were welcomed by Judge E. Lloyd Lewis, Greene County Ordinary.

Frank Malone Monger, descendant of the eighth generation of the Love family, unvieled the marker.

May 6, 1939.

Record:

Lt. Col. David Love,
Born in Ireland about 1740
Married Jean Blewett, October 22, 1772
Died in Greene County, Georgia, November 30, 1798
Buried Bethany Church in Greene County

Mr. Sparks was kind enough to furnish me with a copy of a very interesting book, entitled "Memories of Fifty Years" by Mr. W. K, Sparks and one of his ancestors, and I find this so extremely interesting I am quoting verbatim what Mr. W. H. Sparks had to say in this book of his about Jean Blewett.

Mr. W. H. Sparks dedicated this book to Hon. Ovid Garton Sparks, his brother, and Colonel Thomas Hardeman, a nephew.

JEAN BLEWETT

Through the kindness of Hon. O. A. B. Sparks, Attorney, of Macon, Georgia, I learned about a book entitled "Memories of Fifty Years" by W. H. Sparks, one of his ancestors.

Both of these gentlemen were descendants of William Blewett through his daughter Jean Blewett, the grandmother referred to herein, and her marriage to Col. David Love, and I am happy indeed to have the opportunity of quoting from Mr. Spark's most interesting volume as follows:

"My earliest memories are connected with the first settlement of Middle Georgia,

where I was born. My grandparents on the mother's side, were natives of North Carolina; and, I believe, of Anson County. My grandfather, Colonel David Love, was an active partisan officer in the service of the Continental Congress. He died before I was born; but my grandmother lived until I was seventeen years of age. As her oldest grandchild, I spent much of my time in early boyhood, at her home near the head of Shoulderbone Creek in the county of Greene. She was a little, fussy, Irish woman, a Presbyterian in religion, and a very strict observer of all the duties imposed upon her sect, especially in keeping holy the Sabbath day. All her children were grown up, married, and, in the language of the time, "gone away." She was in truth a lone woman, busying herself in household and farming affairs. With a few negroes and a miserably poor piece of land, she struggled in her widowhood with fortune, and contrived, with North Carolina frugality and industry, not only to make a decent living, but to lay up something for a rainy day, as she phrases it. In her visits to her fields and garden, I ran by her side and listened to stories of Tory atrocities and Whig suffering in North Carolina during the Revolution. The infamous Governor Dunmore, the cruel Colonel Tarleton, and the murderous and theiving Bill Cunningham and Colonel Fannin, both Tories, and the latter natives of the soil, were presented graphically to me in their most hateful forms. In truth, before I had attained my seventh year, I was familiar with the history of the partisan warfare waged between Whig and Tory in North and South Carolina, from 1776 to 1782, from this good but garrulous old lady. I am not so certain she was good; she had a temper of her own, and a will and a way of her own; and was good-natured only when permitted this way without opposition or cross. Perhaps I retain a more vivid memory of these peculiar traits than of any others characterizing her. She permitted no contradiction, and exacted implicit obedience, and this was well understood by everything about her. She was strict and exacting, and had learned from Solomon that to "spare the rod was to spoil the child." She read the Bible only; and it was the only book in the house. This Bible is still in existence; it was brought by my grandfather from Europe, and is now covered with the skin of a fish which he harpooned on his return voyage, appropriating the skin to this purpose in 1750. She had use for no other book, not even for an almanac, for at any moment she could tell the day of the month, the phase of the moon and the day General Washington captured Cornwallis; as also the day on which Washington died. Her reverence for the memory of my grandfather was idolatry. His cane hung with his hat just where he had habitually placed them during his latter days. His saddle and great sea-chest were preserved with equal care, and remained undisturbed from 1798 to 1817, precisely as he left them. I ventured to remove the cane upon one occasion; and, with a little negro or two, was merrily riding it around in the great lumber-room of the house, where scarecely anyone ever went, when she came in and caught me. The pear-tree sprouts were immediately put into requisition, and the whole party most mercilessly thrashed. From that day forward the old buck-horn headed cane was an awful reminder of my sufferings. She was careful not to injure the clothing of her victims, and made her appeals to the unshielded cuticle, and with a heavy hand for a small woman.

It was an ill-fashioned but powerfully-built house, and remains a monument to this day of sound timber and faithful work, braving time and the storm for eighty-two years. It was the first framed house built in the county, and I am sure, upon the poorest spot of land within fifty miles of where it stands. Here was born my uncle, Robertus Love, who was the first white child born in the State west of the Ogeechee River.

Colonel Love, my grandfather, was eccentric in many of his opinions, and was a Puritan in religious faith. Oliver Cromwell was his model of a statesman, and Praise-God Barebones his type of a Christian. While he was a boy his father married a second time, and, as is very frequently the case, there was no harmony between the step-mother and step-son. Their jarrings soon ripened into open war. To avoid expulsion from the paternal roof he "bundled and went." Nor did he rest until, in the heart of Cherokee Nation of Indians, he found a home with Dragon Canoe, then the principal warrior of the nation, who resided in a valley amid the mountains, and

which is now Habersham County. With this chief, who at the time was young, he remained some four years, pursuing the chase for pleasure and profit. Thus accumulating a large quantity of pertires, he carried them on pack-horse to Charleston, and thence went with them to Europe. After disposing of his furs, which proved profitable, he wandered on foot about Europe for some eighteen months, and then, returning to London, he embarked for America.

During all this time he had not heard from his family. Arriving at Charleston he made his way back to the neighborhood of his birth. He was ferried across the Peedee river by a buxom lass, who captured his heart. Finding his father dead, he gathered up the little patrimony left him in his father's will, should he ever return to claim it; he then returned to the neighborhood of his sweetheart of the ferry; and, being a fine-looking man of six feet three inches, with great blue eyes, round and liquid; and, Othello-like, telling well the story of his adventures, he very soon beguiled the maiden's heart, and they were made one. About this time came off the battles of Concord and Lexington, inaugurating the Revolution. It was not, however, until after the Declaration of Independence, that he threw aside the plough and shouldered the musket for American independence.

That portion of North Carolina in which he resided had been mainly peopled by emigrants from Scotland. The war progressing into the South, found nearly all of these faithful in their allegiance to Britain. The population of English descent, in the main, espoused the cause of the colonies. With his neighbors Love was a favorite; he was very fleet in a foot-race, had remarkable strength; but, above all, was sagacious and strong of will. Such qualities, always appreciated by a rude people, at that particular juncture brought their possessor prominently forward, and he was chosen captain of a company composed almost to a man of his personal friends and acquaintances. Uniting himself with the regiment of Colonel Lynch, just then organized, and which was ordered to join the North Carolina line, they marched at once to join General Gates, then commanding in the South. Under the command of this unfortunate general he remained until after the battle of Camden. Here Gates experienced a most disastrous defeat, and the whole country was surrendered to the British forces.

South Carolina and North Carolina, especially their southern portions, were entirely over-run by the enemy, who armed the Tories and turned them loose to ravage the country. Gate's army was disorganized, and most of those who composed it from the Carolinas returned to their homes. Between these and the Scotch Tories, as the Loyalists were termed, there was a continual partisan strife, each party resorting to the most cruel murders, burning and destroying the homes and property of each other. Partisan bands were organized by each, and under desperate leaders did deeds. It was then and there that Marion and Fanning became conspicuous, and were respectively the terror of Whigs and Tories.

There were numerous others of like character, though less efficient and less conspicuous. The exploits of such bands are deemed beneath the dignity of history, and now only live in the memories of those who received them traditionally from the actors, their associates or descendants. Those acts constitute mainly the tragic horrors of war, and evidence the merciless inhumanity of enraged men, unrestrained by civil or moral law. Injuries he deems wanton prompt the passions of his nature to revenge, and he hastens to retaliate upon his enemy, with increased horrors, their savage brutalities.

As the leader of a small band of neighbors who had united for protection and revenge, Colonel Love bacame conspicuous for his courage and cruelty. It was impossible for these, his associates, as for their Tory neighbors and enemies, to remain at their homes, or even to visit them, except at night, and then most stealthily. The country abounds with swamps more or less dense and irreclaimable, which must always remain a hiding-place for the unfortunate or desperate. In these the little bands by day were concealed, issuing forth at night to seek for food or spoils. Their families were often made the vitims of revenge; and instnaces were numerous where feeble women and little children were slain in cold blood by neighbors long and familiarly known to each other, in retaliation of like atrocities perpetrated by their husbands, sons or brothers.

It was a favorite pastime with my grandmother, when the morning's work was done, to uncover her flax-wheel, seat herself, and call me to sit by her, and after my childish manner, read to her from the "Life of General Francis Marion," by Mason L. Weems, the graphic account of the general's exploits, by the venerable parson. There was not a story in the book that she did not know, almost as party concerned, and she would ply her work of flax-spinning while she gave me close and intense attention. At times, when the historian was at fault in his facts -- and, to say the truth, that was more frequently the case than comports with veracious history -- she would cease the impelling motion of her foot upon the pedal of her little wheel, drop her thread, and, gently arresting the fly of her spool, she would lift her iron-framed spectacles, and with great gravity say; 'Read that again. Ah! it is not as how it was.' This was so frequently the case, that now, when more than sixty years have flown, I am at a loss to know, if the knowledge of most of these facts which tenaciously clings to my memory, was originally derived from Weems book, or my grandmother's narrations. In these forays and conflicts, whenever my grandfather was a party, her information was derived from him and his associates, and of course was deemed by her authentic; and whenever these differed from the historian's narrative, his, of consequence, was untrue. Finally, Weems, upon one of his book-selling excursions, which simply meant disposing of his own writings, came through her neighborhood, and with the gravity of age, left verbally his own biography with Mrs. McJoy, a neighbor; this made him, as he phrased it, General Washington's preacher. He was never after assailed as a lying author; but whenever his narrative was opposed to her memory, she had the excuse for him, that his informant had deceived him.

To have seen General Washington, even without having held the holy office of his preacher, sanctified in her estimation any and everyone. She had seen him, and it was the especial glory of her life. Yes, she had seen him, and remembered minutely his eyes, his hair, his mouth and his hands -- and even his black horse with a star in his face, and his one white foot and long sweeping tail. So often did I listen to that story, that in after boyhood I came to believe I had seen him also, though his death occurred twenty days before I was born. My dear, good mother has often told me that but an attack of ague, which kept the venerable lady from our home for a month or two, I should have been honored with bearing the old hero's name throughout life. So intent was she in this particular, that she never liked my being named after Billy Grafford (for so she pronounced his name) for whom the partiality of my father caused him to name me. Few remain to remember the horrors of this partisan warfare. The very traditions are being obliterated by those of the recent civil war, so rife with scenes and deeds sufficiently horrible for the appetite of the curious in crime and cruelty."

A rather singular event occured when Mrs. Mary B. Carothers of Citronelle, Alabama, descendant of Thomas Garton Blewett referred me to a book, "Lost Tribes of North Carolina," by Worth S. Ray, as this Worth S. Ray was an old schoolmate of mine in Denton, Texas, in my early youth, so I obtained a copy of this volume from the library and on page 236 it refers to Colonel David Love as follows:

"The will of John Love left his plantation to his sons, David and Christopher. David Love married the winsome lass, Jean Blewett, who used to ferry him across the Pee Dee River when he was an Indian trader.

David Love was a Captain of a Company in the Revolutionary War under General Francis Marion, who was known as the "swamp-fox." He married Jean Blewett in 1772.

He sold his interest in the plantation to his brother, Christopher, and moved to Greene County, Georgia, near Greensboro, at a settlement that was then known, and is known now as Love Springs."

Dr. T. B. Rice, the historian, has written some most interesting stories about David Love.

THOMAS BLEWETT, THE FIRST

In order to keep the record straight I am referring to William Blewett's son, Thomas the First, as there are several other Thomases, as well as several other Williams, Edwards and Georges. I has been most difficult for me to allocate them to their proper place (if I have done so), so you must keep that in mind in reading this or other histories of the Blewett family.

Thomas Blewett, the son of William & Sarah Garton Blewett was born in North Carolina in 1754, but no record is found to give exact date.

There are several different histories of the Blewett family, written by various relatives and friends of the family whose intentions, I am sure, were of the highest, but their efforts have been more or less misleading. I refer to the history of the Blewett family by Captain W. I. Everett, who, I believe, married into the Blewett family. In this history, he says that William Blewett and his wife, Miss Sarah Garton Blewett, had four children, - - William, Thomas, Jean and Rebecca, which is not the case, for William Blewett was a son through his marriage to Elizabeth Morris. Captain Everett also omits mentioning the daughter, Hannah.

I have already covered the date of marriage of William Blewett to Elizabeth Morris, which Captain Everett says was in 1779, and showed you that William Blewett, Jr., was born in 1764. Evidently William Blewett, Sr. married Elizabeth Morris prior to 1779.

Captain Everett also says that Thomas Blewett and his brother, William Blewett, went to the Revolutionary War as privates in the company of their brother-in-law, Colonel David Love, but you will agree with me that William Blewett, Jr., was much too young to have served in the Revolutionary War. So again I want to remind you that I try to adhere to proven facts or well-supported and substantiated heresay and tradition.

The records are more lucid now so we won't have so much conjecture and rumors to consider. Thomas Blewett was born in 1754 and died March 13, 1835. On March 13, 1951, my dear wife and I visited the grave of Thomas Blewett on the banks of the Pee Dee River at Blewett Falls, North Carolina. Although the tombstone was weathered and eroded it can clearly be read as follows: "In memory of Thomas Blewett, who died March 13, 1835, age 81 years." This tomb is enclosed by an iron picket fence being a plot of ground about 100 feet square and so far as we could tell it is the only grave in the plot of ground.

The tomb is situated a full 100 yards below the dam directly across the river from the plant of the Carolina Power and Light Company and Thomas Blewett was buried there at his specific request as he wanted to be buried where he had listened to the music of the water going over the falls.

This tomb was made of a slab of granite with a tombstone of the same rock, but some years ago this tombstone fell down and the engineers in charge of building the dam at Blewett Falls were kind enough to replace it and connect it on to the vault, although they were complete strangers to any of the Blewett family. Later, they enclosed the grave with a neat iron fence which was paid for by General Stephen D. Lee of Mississippi, who married the great grand-daughter of Thomas Blewett, but before the fence was completed, both General Lee and his wife died.

Some reports say that Blewett Falls was named in honor of this Thomas Blewett and far be it from me to mitigate or cloud any such reference, but it must be borne in mind that his father, William Blewett, settled there many years before Thomas Blewett's

birth, so it would seem logical to believe that these falls might have been named for William Blewett and not Thomas Blewett. Regardless of that fact I feel quite sure that both Thomas Blewett and his father, William Blewett well deserved the honor of having the falls named after them.

It might also be mentioned that some records recite that the ferry known as Blewett's Ferry was owned and operated by Thomas Blewett, which, however, it not the case as the records clearly show that William Blewett was authorized by the Carolina government to operate this ferry, and furthermore, in William Blewett's will he stipulated that the operation of the ferry was to be left to his sons, Thomas and David and, of course, after William's death, then Thomas did own and operate the ferry.

Not much is known of Thomas Blewett until his marriage and he seems to have been married three times, or so at least his nephew, John Blewett says, as do others writing of the family, but again, no record is found of his first marriage.

His second marriage was to Amy Randall which occured in 1788, but this marriage was doomed, as Amy Randall died from childbirth in giving birth to their only child, Thomas Garton, on July 4, 1789. Amy Randall was the daughter of Major John Randall and Molly Ware and seemed to have been a family of much prominence, influence and wealth and moved from near Roanoke, Virginia to South Carolina.

Amy Randall was born in 1773, thus died when she was about sixteen years of age.

When she and Thomas Blewett were married, her father told Thomas to drive his wagon to the plantation and fill it up with slaves and in the Federal Census of Richmond County, North Carolina, 1810, Thomas Blewett was shown at that time to have ten slaves.

Later, Thomas Blewett married a widow who had one son, but I have never been able to locate the record of this marriage, although it seems that a daughter, Sara (or Sarah) was born of this union, and Sara later married Clement Lanier, but no children were born of this union, nor can I find any record of when and where they died and were buried.

Captain W. I. Everett, in writing of the Blewett family stated that a cemetery located on the Dockery Leval containing the graves of Nancy Blewett, but I think this is erroneous as the burial records in Richmond County, N. C. show that Amy Blewett was buried in the Old Quaker Cemetery and on her tombstone is the following: "Amy Blewett, died in the year of 1789. Remember, praying as you pass by; as you are now, so once was I; I am now, so you must be; prepare for death and follow me." This Quaker Cemetery is located near Camden, South Carolina.

The census record of North Carolina is of sufficient interest to be quoted below, and you will note that in the year 1810 Thomas Blewett does not show to have any wife, so I feel confident that he was a widower at that time, and it is possible that his second wife may have died prior to 1810.

The Thomas Blewett shown in the census of 1830 is evidently Thomas Garton Blewett, the son of Thomas Blewett, the first, and the William Blewett shown in the 1830 census is evidently William Blewett, Jr., as William Blewett, Sr. died in about 1811.

NORTH CAROLINA

I.	RICHMOND COUNTY	-	CENSUS 1810	3rd Page 48
	THOMAS BLEWETT	-	between 40 - 45	(must have been widower, no female listed.)
	SON	-	between 10 - 15	
			CENSUS 1820	
	Shows only the father registered			
			Census 1830	
	THOMAS BLEWETT (son I think)	-	between 30 - 40	
	SONS	-	1, under 10	
	DAUGHTERS	-	1, under 10	

	WIFE	between 40 - 50	
	MALE (father I think) -	between 70 - 80	(Possibly living with this only son)
II.	ANSON COUNTY	CENSUS 1830	5th Page 57
	WILLIAM BLEWETT, JR. -	Sixty under 70	
	SONS -	2-15 under 20	
	DAUGHTERS -	2-5 under 10	
	-	2-20 under 30	
	WIFE -	Fifty under 60	

Thomas Blewett obtained numerous land grants, one of which is quoted below. Again you will note the old style "s" is used, for which we are substituting the present "f".

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, No. 1127

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME GREETING,

Know Ye That We, for and in confideration of the fum of Fifty Shillings for every hundred acres hereby granted, paid into our Treafury by Thomas Blewett have given and granted, and by thefe prefents do give and grant unto the faid Thomas Blewett, a tract of land containing Two hundred fifty acres lying and being in the county of Richmond. Beginning at a Stake amidst a white oak and spanish oak on the East side of Pee Dee River. And runs North Eighty three East twenty five poles to two West one hundred and sixty five poles to a Stake near William Thomas's Corner then with his line (reverse) South seventy seven West two hundred and forty five (reverse) North seven East one hundred and sixty three poles to a Stake in Moorehead's line then joining on said line direct to the Beginning. Entered the 20th of October 1787, as by the plat hereby annexed doth appear; together with all woods, waters, mines, minerals, hereditaments, and appurtenances to the faid land forever: Yielding and paying to us fuch fums of money, yearly, or otherwife, as our General Affembly from time to time may direct. Provided always, That the faid grantee fhall caufe this grant to be regiftered on the Regifter's Office of our faid county of Richmond within twelve months from the date hereof, otherwife the fame fhall void and of no effect.

In Teftimony whereof, We have caufed thefe our letters to be made patent and our great feal to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS BENJAMIN WILLIAMS, Esquire, Governor, Captain-General and Commander in Chief, at Raleigh, the 2nd day of December in the XXIVth year of our Independence, and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine.

B Williams

Will White, Secretary

Book 131, P 77

William Blewett. 47 acres Anson Adj. his own & Samuel Spencer's lands - beginning at a stake one posiman one pine pointers and runs N 25 W 23 chains & 50 links to a stake one black gum one red oak pointers, then S 78 W 17 chains to a Stake in Samuel Spencers line, then S 12 E 26 chains & 50 links to a stake, then N 68 E 22 chains to the beginning.
Dated 20th December 1816
Entered 10th January 1816.

Below are other land grants also on the East bank of the Pee Dee River:

From: N. C. Department of Secretary of State Land Grant Office

Book 107, P 104

Thomas Blewett. 250 acres in Richmond County beginning at a Stake amidst a white oak and Spanish Oak on the E side of Pee Dee River and runs N 83 E 25 poles to Simon Thomas Line, then with Simon and Daniel Thomas line S 22 N 165 poles to a stake near William Thomas corner, then with his line (reverse) S 77 W 245 poles to a Pine being a corner of Blewetts 500 acre survey, then with his line reverse N 7 E 163 poles to a stake in Moorheads line, then joining on said line direct to the beginning.
Dated 2nd December 1799
Entered 20th October 1787

Book 109, P 153
Thomas Blewett. 500 acres in Richmond County beginning at a hickory near a dogwood on the E side of Pee Dee River Hamers 2nd corner and runs N 12 E 120 poles to a stake Mooreheads corner, then N 31 E with his line (reversed) 150 poles to a corner, then with his other line N 83 E 60 poles to a corner, then S 7 W Jarmans line N 45 W 150 poles to a red oak in Hamers line, then with said line S 20 poles W 120 poles, then direct to the beginning.
Dated 17th September 1802
Entered 17th January 1799

Book 115, P 372
Thomas Blewett. 50 acres in Richmond County beginning at an Elm one water Oak and birch pointers on the E bank of the Pee Dee River running N 45 E 2 poles to a stake and two hickorys pointers, then S 70 E 66 poles to a hickory, then S 42 E 54 poles, then S 18 E 60 poles, then S 65 W 30 poles, then N 48 W 160 poles, then direct to the beginning, including the said Blewetts Fishery and the rocks and gravel of said river.
Dated 17th September 1802
Entered 17th January 1799

Thomas Blewett served in the General Assembly of North Carolina in 1790 and also was allowed payment for claims as shown below. Again you will note incorrect spelling of the name. Later Thomas Blewett also served in the Senate of North Carolina, so evidently he was a man, not only of much wealth, but also of much esteen and renown.

"House Journal" - 1790

At a General Assembly begun and held at Fayetteville, on the first day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and in the fifteenth year of the independence of the United States of America; Being the first session of this Assembly. The returning officers for the several Counties certified that the following persons were duly elected to represent the same in this house, to wit

"Richmond----William Robeson and Thomas Blewit."
State Records Vol. XXI, page 872.
(Also other references during the session of the Assembly.)
Record of Blewits taken from the Army Accounts of North Carolina on file in the Office of the State Auditor.
In Vol. 5, Long Book 11, page 39, it is of record that Thomas Bluitt was paid for some service in the Revolutionary War, the record is #2792. Thomas Bluitt, Ma. 168 Book 11 is "Claims allowed and passed by the Board of Auditors 18th March 1784. For which certificates were issued from No. (1459) to No. (3348) inclusive -- & returned into the Comptrollers Office."

ELI K. BLEWETT, SR.

You must keep in mind that there was more than one Eli Blewett, in fact, more than one Eli K. and several others, so this is to cover the life of Eli K. Blewett, Sr., who was the son of William Blewett and his third wife, Elizabeth Morris.

Eli K Blewett was born in North Carolina but just the exact date is problematical and debatable, for again we find the records very inadequate, so we have to arrive by a series of deductions, and the best basis is the Warren County, Kentucky census taken in 1810, Census, p. 10, which shows Eli Blewett, age approximately 45, so if he was 45 years of age in 1810, this would make his birth in 1765, and inasmuch as it seems well established that he was married on November 23, 1791, this would make his birthdate four or five years later which would have made him 17 years old when his first child was born, and that, I believe, is highly improbable.

He was buried in Old Zion Cemetery near Woodbury, Warren County, Kentucky and over his grave a tombstone bearing the following legend, quote," Eli Blewett, born March 15, 1775. Died March 8, 1837. Tombstone erected by his grandchildren." It would seem that the grandchildren were in error as to the date of his birth, for as recited in the preceding paragraph, we are positive he was married on December 23, 1791, so if he was born in 1775, this would have made him 16 years old when he was married and 17 years old when his first child was born, and, as stated in the above paragraph, if he was 45 years old when the 1810 census was taken in Warren County, Kentucky, he must have been born in 1765. So I feel safe in assuming that his grandchildren were mistaken as to the proper date of his birth.

The date of his death is also debatable, and although there is a gravestone erected over his grave in Warren County, Kentucky shows he died March 8, 1837, this seems to be about correct, as we find from the county court records of Warren County, Minute Book G. 1832-1841, p. 183, as follows:

"At a County Court began and held for County of Warren at the Court House on Monday the 27th day of November 1837. Present Isaac Smith, Inoch Floyd, and John Heard, Esq.

On motion of John S. Blewett who having taken the oath required by law the administration of the estate of Eli Blewett deed is granted unto him he having executed bond in the penalty of eight hundred dollars with Eli K. Blewett and Garland J. Blewett his securities conditioned as the law directs."

So you can see we feel justified in accepting his death as being in 1837.

The genealogist who did this work for me in Warren County and Logan County, Kentucky, could not, however, find any record of will being probated or any settlement of the estate, and I rather believe that he possessed more or less real estate at the time of his death, as I will show you later, but the genealogist told me that the records in Warren County were in a deplorable condition.

Eli K. Blewett was married to Elizabeth (Betsy) Ann Williams on November 23,1791 in North Carolina. She was a daughter of Colonel Edward Williams and his wife, Rebecca Houstes Williams, and also a sister of Thomas Hill Williams, who was prominent in North Carolina politics. She was also the grand-daughter of Thomas Williams. So far I have not been able to ascertain if she was related to William Williams, who married Hannah Blewett, a half-sister of Eli.

Tradition states that she gave birth to her first child on her fifteenth birthday, and being married in 1791 would make her birthdate around 1776. She died at the

age of 90, which would make her date of death about 1866, although we haven't as yet been able to definitely support any of these dates. She did, however, leave 500 descendants, all of whom seem to have held her in high affection and esteem, as you will note from a letter, than my grandfather, Rev. George L Blewett, wrote to his father, James L. Blewett, in 1853, when James L. Blewett was residing in Logan County, Kentucky, in which my grandfather requested that his affections be extended to grandmother, who was Betsy Ann Blewett, showing that at that time she was residing in Kentucky with her son, James L.

There isn't anything available concerning the early history of Eli K. but we assume that he was raised on his father's farm in North Carolina where he obtained more or less schooling, and you will find that he was named as one of the executors of his father's estate as well as being one of the beneficiaries.

We are unable to determine just when he immigrated to Kentucky, but rather believe about 1801, for the census records showed Garland J. Blewett was born in Warren County, Kentucky, July 4, 1801, so evidently Eli K. arrived there before that date.

Of this union of Eli K and Betsy Ann Williams the following children were born, but not necessarily in the order named. - Thomas H., Garland, Cash (?), James L., John, Turner, Becky, Betsy Ann, Edward, Harriet, Sally and Tobitha, but I regret that my search so far has disclosed information concerning but only a few of these descendants which may be caused, however, by indifference or lack of knowledge.

The emigration of Eli K. Blewett from North Carolina to Kentucky may have been instigated by Daniel Boone, who was a native of North Carolina and probably carried back to North Carolina glowing accounts of the opportunity to be found in the wilderness of Kentucky, which, by the way, had not at that time become known as "The Dark and Bloody Ground."

Wouldn't it be interesting in this day and time if you and I could read a diary written on that journey that Eli K. Blewett and his young wife and their small children made from their home in North Carolina to the wilderness of Kentucky. I am sure such a diary would prove most interesting, elightening, depicting as it would the smothered fears of the young mother entering an unknown country, realizing the hardships and tribulations that would face her and the obstacles that families must surmount as well as the parting from loved ones and friends and old home toes, humble though that homa may have been. Such has been the experience of the American pioneer wife and mother by whose courage, stamina, fortitude and energy this American nation was built. We can picture this immigrant train of perhaps several families for it was certainly unsafe to begin such a journey without the safety provided by numbers, winding their way through the mountains of Western North Carolina, Eastern Tennessee and perhaps through the Cumberland Pass, which at that time, as it is now, was the established route. You who in this day breeze down our paved, well-marked highways can have no conception of the task that confronted these pioneers in blazing a trail through this wilderness in which roads and bridges were unknown.

Hostile Indians, I can well imagine, also gave them considerable trouble as well as the problem of crossing the streams that were often too wide and too deep to ford. Perhaps you have seen such motion pictures as "The Covered Wagon", which depicts in much stronger language than I can hope to give you, the task that your ancestors overcame.

The desire as well as the need of owning land and a home to call their own was the incentive and propelling urge that inspired them to make this journey to what at that time seemed, and perhaps justly, "the promised land." Nothing is disclosed in searching the records concerning Eli K. Blewett prior to his obtaining land grants in Warren County, Kentucky, as follows: July 20, 1807 -- 180 acres; July 27, 1807 -- 200 acres, all of which were obtained by headright claim provided by the Kentucky land grants allowing the head of each family who had resided their one year this land.

The official census of Kentucky taken in 1850 showed Elizabeth Blewett, a widow of Eli K. Blewett, which assures us that we can place credence in the statement

of John Blewett's letter of December 1848.

It is stated that he was a member of the Baptist Church, but that is also subject to proof, which at this time has not been found.

Another entry shows that Eli K. Blewett served as an appraiser of the Estate of John Gano, which was filed for probate Aug-(?) 15, 1824, and I have since learned that this John Gano was a close friend of the family as Ben T. Blewett of St. Louis was married in the home of Dr. Gano as I will show you later.

Twelve children were born to this union of Eli K. Blewett and Betsy Ann Williams and they in turn produced large families, many of them 12 or more children and some as many as 17, so, although perhaps Eli K. Blewett did not take much part in public affairs or become well known as did some of his descendants, he certainly did his duty toward his country in so proficiently increasing its population..

Indenture made January 13, 1811, Deed Book 5, page 278, between John Sloss and Eil Blewett, both of Warren County, Kentucky, 99 acres, $150.00.

John Sloss
Nancy Sloss

Indenture made February 1, 1811, Book 5, page 380, between Mark Andrews and Eli Blewett, both of Warren County, Kentucky. 100 acres, 100 pounds paid.

Mark Andrews
Elizabeth Andrews (her mark)

Indenture made April 21, 1818, Deed Book 8, page 471, between Eli Blewett and Benjamin Turner, both of Warren County. 80 acres $100.00.

Eli Blewett

Indenture made November 28, 1818, Deed Book 9, page 11, between Eli Blewett and Thomas Blewett. 110 acres $100.00.

Eli Blewett
Betsy Ann Blewett

Order Book "E", page 34

County Court record for County of Warren at Court House on Monday, December 4, 1815. Ordered that Eli Blewett and Benjamin Turner and their hands assist William D. Mason in keeping road in repair of which he is surveyor (supervisor?).

Indenture made February 5, 1821, Deed Book 9, page 437. Between Eli Blewett and Edward W. Blewett, both of Warren County, consideration, love and affection and $1.00. To said Edward W. Blewett 113 acres.

Eli Blewett

Indeture made December 1, 1823, Deed Book 11, ½age 127, between Eli Blewett and Edward W. Blewett, both of Warren County, 118 acres, consideration $780.00

Eli Blewett

Indenture made October 13, 1824, Deed Book 11, page 302, between Eli Blewett and Thomas Blewett, both of Warren County, Kentucky, 66 acres, consideration $396.00.

Eli Blewett

A tax list, Warren County Kentucky, 1806, Commissioner's Book shows the following rendition: Eli Bluet, 300 acres, 3rd rate land, Warren County Watercourse Barrens. 400 acres, 3rd rate land in Warren County, Watercourse Barrens.

On July 20, 1807, Surveyors' Book A, page 557, Warren County, Kentucky, surveyed for Eli Blewett 180 acres by virtue of a certificate granted by county Court of Warren County #1649, signed Thomas A Covington, D.S. and E. M. Covington, W. C.

Surveyed on 1807 for Eli Blewett, Book A, page 557, Warren County, assignee of Joseph Sloss 250 acres of land by Certificate granted Warren County, Kentucky #93 signed by George L. Smith, D. S., E. M. Covington, W. C. Surveyed on June 21, 1813 for Eli Blewett, Surveyors Book B, page 117 - 200 acres of land assignee of Bennett Wood who was assignee of Daniel Smith by virtue of Certificate granted by Warren County Court.

Signed J. W. Covington, D.C., and E.M. Covington, W. C.

Indenture made January 19, 1811, Deed Book 5, page 388, between Eli Blewett and John Tanner, both of Warren County, Kentucky. 100 acres of land, consideration $300.

Signed Eli Blewett and Betsy Ann Blewett

Order Book E, page 34

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Indenture made February 5, 1821, Deed Book 9, page 437. Between Eli Blewett and Edward W. Blewett, both of Warren County, consideration, love and affection and $100. To said Edward W. Blewett 113 acres.

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Indenture made October 13, 1824, Deed Book 11, page 302, between Eli Blewett and Thomas Blewett, both of Warren County, Kentucky, 66 acres, consideration $396.00.

Eli Blewett

Indenture made January 11, 1827, Deed Book 12, page 306, between Eli Blewett and Edward W. Blewett, 10 acres, Warren County, Kentucky, consideration $40.00.

Indenture made February 21, 1829, Deed Book 13, page 273, between Eli Blewett and Coleman Watson. 17 acres. Consideration $50.00

Eli Blewett

Indenture made August 2, 1831, Deed Book 14, page 241, between Eli Blewett and Edward W. Blewett, 69 acres, consideration $278.00.

Eli Blewett

Indenture made October 15, 1833, Deed Book 15, page 328, between Eli Blewett and Isaac Stahl, 108 acres, consideration $300.00.

Eli Blewett

Indenture made March 16, 1835, Deed Book 85, page 578, between Eli Blewett and Rebecca Hartland, 113 acres, consideration $339.00.

Eli Blewett

Indenture made January 10, 1837, Book 16, page 277, between John S. Trewitt (Truitt) and Eli K. Blewett. 150 acres of land, consideration $500.00.

Indenture made January 30, 1837, Deed Book 16, page 411, between Eli K. Blewett and Jesse M. Andrew, 2 acres, consideration $10.00 of current money of Kentucky.

Eli Blewett

There are other transfers of certain real estate in Warren County, Kentucky by Eli K. Blewett during 1846, but I am unable to determine at this time whether or not this was Eli K. the first or Eli K. the second, as Thomas Blewett, a brother of Eli, had a son called Eli K., as did Cash Blewett, who was a son of Eli. Such duplications of course make it difficult and tedious to correctly allocate these various instruments for we find that on March 11, 1850, Eli K. Blewett and his wife Margaret Blewett transferred certain properties as they did also in later years, hence it is obvious that this was not Eli K., Sr., whose wife was Betsy Ann.

Furthermore, we are led to believe from John Blewett's letter of 1848, that Eli K. Blewett had at the time his letter was written been dead for several years.

So far I have not been able to ascertain if Betsy Ann Williams was related to William Williams, who married Hannah Blewett, half-sister of Eli K.

I.

KENTUCKY

WARREN COUNTY - CENSUS 1810 3rd - Census, page 10

Eli Blewett - Approximately 45
Sons - 2, under 5 years of age
2, under 10 years of age
1, under 18 years of age

5th Census, page 62

Garland J. Blewett - Between age of 20 and 30
Sons - 2 under 5
1 under 10

	Wife	Between age of 20 and 30
		5th Census - 1830 - page 85
	Thomas Blewett	Between 30 and 40
	Sons	1 under 5
		1 under 18
	Daughters	1 under 5
		2 under 10
		1 under 15
	Wife	Between 30 and 40
		5th Census - 1830

11. SIMPSON COUNTY

John S. Blewett	Between 30 and 40
Wife	Between 40 and 50
Daughters	2 under 5 years of age

Note: None of the records give names of children. Only number in column, denoting age bracket, and whether male or female.

No Blewett names appear in - 1820 Census in WARREN OR SIMPSON COUNTIES. None in LOGAN COUNTY.

WARREN COUNTY

1840 Census, page 36

Eli K. Blewett	20 under 30
Sons	2- 5 under 10
Daughters	1- 5 under 10
Wife	20 under 30

CENSUS 1850 - WARREN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

Bunch, Elizabeth	Age 72	Born Pa.	
Harris, Nancy	68	N. C.	
Blewett, Geo. L.	28	Ky.	
Nancy L.	29	"	
William Baxter	8	"	
Jas. R.	6	"	
Ann E.	5	"	
George H.	4	"	
Samuel R.	3	"	
Maria J.	1	"	

Blewett, C. E.	24	male	
" A.		female	
Both born Warren Co., Ky.			
Blewett, Wm. H.	26	male	
" , M.	24	female	
" O. A.	3 mos.	male	
All born Warren Co., Ky.			

Blewett, James	Age 51	Born N. C.	
Sarah	44	Ky.	
Garland J.	26	"	
Elizabeth A.	23	"	
Sarah J.	21	"	
Jas. L.	18	"	
Mary J.	15	"	
Wm R.	10	"	
Thos.	6	"	

Blewett, E. W.	53	N. C.
Lucy	48	"
Thomas H.	25	"
Lucy	22	Ky.
Susan L.	22	Ky.
Edward W.	18	"
David L.	16	"
Mary A.	14	"
Elizabeth M.	12	Ky.
Joseph W.	8	Ky.
Howard M.	5	Ky.

Blewett, Elizabeth G.	46	Ky.	
Albert E	19	"	
Alex C.	15	"	
Garland J.	13	"	
Edward M.	11	"	

Blewett, Susanna	52	Ky.
Thomas	22	"
Susanna	18	"
Sarah	16	"
Margaret	14	"

	Mary J.	Age 9	Ky.
	Sarah M.	7	"
Blewett,	E. K.	38	Ky.
	Margaret	35	"
	Christopher M.	15	"
	Eli C.	12	"
	John C.	9	"
	Harriet S.	8	"
	Sarah C.	4	"
Wood,	Sarah		

10-24-1819- Edward W. Blewett married Lucy Leaton
8- 2-1821-James L. Blewett married Mariah Bunch
12-22-1833-Eli Blewett married Margaret Wood
Marriage Register, Warren County, Kentucky, 1797-1850

JAMES LOVE BLEWETT

James Love Blewett was the son of Eli K. Blewett, Sr. and his wife Betsy Ann Williams, and while no record is found, it is certain he was born in North Carolina in 1799, as the census of 1850 of Warren County, Kentucky shows him to have been fifty-one years old and born in North Carolina, so I think we can accept that as an established fact.

On August 2, 1821, he married Mariah Jane Bunch (Bunsch), who was born December 3, 1803 in Pennsylvania, the daughter of George L. and Elizabeth Bunch, and the census in Warren County in 1850 shows that her mother, Elizabeth Bunch, was still living and aged seventy-two. She died in Warren County, Kentucky, September 15, 1843 and is buried in the old Union Cemetery.

Her parents, George and Elizabeth Bunch, seem to have been of some wealth, as you will note from evidence later disclosed concerning the settlement of her father's estate.

Of this marriage of James L. and Mariah Bunch the following children were born, but not necessarily in order named: - George L., Garland J., Elizabeth (Betty), Sarah Jane, James S., Mary Jane, William R., and Thomas - and the census of 1850 shows their various ages.

Nothing much is known of the early life of James L. but is assumed he received some education and grew to manhood on his father's, Eli K. Blewett, farm, as he later became more or less successful and seemed to have accumulated considerable property, being rather active and aggressive.

I has been unofficially reported that he was married three times before coming to Texas in 1867, but no record can be found of any marriage excepting one to Sarah (family name unknown) as the census of Warren County, Kentucky, 1850, shows his wife, Sarah, to be forty-four years old and a native of Kentucky, and you will also note execution of identure on March 30, 1850 in which Sarah Blewett signed with James L, Blewett, that being the earliest record we can find of his marriage to Sarah.

So far I have been unable to locate any record of children by this marriage, nor has it been possible to determine the date of her death, but you will note that indentures made on December 2, 1853 were not signed by Sarah, although one made on February 14, 1851 was signed by Sarah, so we must assume that Sarah, the second wife of James L., died some time between those two dates.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

I, James L. Blewett, of the County of Logan, State of Kentucky, do, of my own free will, without any mental reservations or evasions whatever, swear that I will support, protect, defend and obey the constitution of the United States and of the State of Kentucky, and all laws made in pursuance thereof; that I will bear true faith, allegiance and loyalty to the government of the United States, any ordinances, resolutions, or laws of any state or confederation of states, to the contrary notwith standing. And further, that I will aid, as far as my power extends, by word, act, and deed, the restoration of the authorities of the government of the United States, over all the states now in arms against said government, and that I (blurred) to discourage, discontenance and overthrow rebellion, insurrection or sedition against said government by act and conversation; and that I will do nothing to aid, encourage or comfort the enemies of the United States, whether in arms or not, and I recognize that the breach of this, my solemn Oath of Allegiance is Death, or other punishment that may be inflicted upon me by the judgment of a Court Martial or a Military Commission.

(Signed) Jas. L. Blewett

(Seal)
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 29th day of May, 1863 (?)

(Signed) (name illegible)
Lieutenant Provost Marshal
Russellville, Kentucky

The thing that I cannot comprehend is how this Oagh of Allegiance came into the possession of James L. Blewett after he signed it, unless perhaps after peace was declared in the internecine war this document may have been returned to him.

It is my understanding that this Oath of Allegiance was required by all citizens whether combattants or noncombattants, and since Kentucky was torn between the Union and the Confederates, it, of course, was controlled by first the Union forces and later the Confederate forces and from what I have read I am led to believe that if you were a Confederate sympathizer or supporter or combattant and the Union forces were in power, then by signing such an Oath of Allegiance you could avoid confiscation of your property and eviction from your land, and, of course, the same would redound when the other force came into power.

It is certainly regrettable that this date is blurred but since this internecine war ended in 1865 and since James L. Blewett came to Texas and married in 1867, it must be that this date is 1863. This is further supported, for on the back of the Oath of Allegiance is the following phrase: - Oath of Allegiance
Taken by J. L. Blewett of Logan County
State of Kentucky, 29th of May, 1863

The following seems to be a receipt for advancements as well as an agreement written on plain paper in pen and ink:

"Whereas, my father, James L. Blewett, has thas day joined with me in a deed to William Breedlove for 81 1/4 acres of land, 70 of which he has given to me the other 11 3/4 acres he had a lifetime estate in, all of which he conveyed to Breedlove for my benefit for no other consideration on my part than that he was kind enough to advance it to me as my part of his landed estate and as I have received Breedlove's note to the full amount of the purchase money, therefore, I agree that I will not claim anything more off of his estate until all my brothers and sisters receive from him an amount equal to the amount received by me, which we both estimate at Four Hundred Fifty Dollars, at the time he gave it to me.

Given under my hand this the 21st day of February, 1850, I having made improvements on the land equal to the balance of the consideration.

George L. Blewett"

The next article of interest is a deed from William Harkrider (?) (This is difficult to read and may be Harkreader as it is written in longhand and with pen and ink on a plain piece of paper.)

"This indenture, made this 27th day of August 1851, between William Harkrider and Elizabeth Harkrider, his wife, on our part, and James L. Blewett, of the other part, all of the County of Logan and State of Kentucky.

Witnesseth: That the said William and Elizabeth Harkrider have this date bargained and sold and doeth by these present bargain, sell and convey unto the said James L. Blewett, a certain tract of land situated and lying on the waters (?) of Gasper in Logan County and bounded as follows:

For and in consideration of the sum of $1100.00 in hand paid.

This deed is fully acknowledged and recorded in deed book No. 31, page 92."

Another interesting document is a contract for wood between James L. Blewett of Logan County and the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, in which James L. Blewett binds himself "to deliver between 200 and 300 cords of good sound firewood on the company's right-of-way, to be stacked in cords four feet wide, four feet high and eight feet long, and the L. & N. Railroad Company agrees to pay James L. Blewett $2.50 for each cord measured, received and estimated by the official of the said Railroad."

(Signed) James L. Blewett
18th day of November, 1863.

We find in Deed Book 11, page 377, an indenture made February 11, 1825 between George Bunch and James L. Blewett, both of Warren County, Kentucky for the consideration of $1.00, love and affection for his daughter, Mariah Blewett (nee Mariah Bunch) granted to said James L. Blewett 100 acres of land intended for said daughter, Mariah.

(Signed) George Bunch

We next find an indenture made on March 20, 1850, Deed Book 28, page 592, and you will note that Mariah Bunch Blewett died September 15, 1843, or about 7 years previous to this indenture. This indenture between James L. Blewett and Sarah Blewett, his wife, George L. Blewett and Nancy L. Blewett, parties of the first part, and James Harris, Martha Harris and Robert Harris, parties of the second part, consideration $664.22 paid by W. N. Brend _____, guardian of the parties of the second part. Land sold in pursuance of decree of Warren County Circuit Court, February term 1850. Certain land which also includes 11 3/4 acres, which heirs of Mariah Blewett received of H. T. and J. M. Arnold by decree of Circuit Court March Term 1848. Said George L. Blewett being one of the heirs and entitled to one-half of 11 3/4 acres, this a final division among the heirs of Mariah Bunch Blewett.

James L. Blewett; Sarah Blewett; George Blewett; Nancy Blewett

The above seems to give us a clue to one other of James Blewett's marriages in that his wife at that time named Sarah, Mariah Jane having died in 1843.

Warren Circuit Court:

Jas. L. Blewett et al vs. (Jas. A.?) Blewett et al. Suit No. 2125

Your complainants,

Jas. L. Blewett, George L. Blewett, Garland J. Blewett, Betsy Ann Blewett and Sarah Jane Blewett, would most respectfully represent to your honor that your first named complainant Jas. L. Blewett married Mariah Jane Blewett, Decd, daughter and heir of George Bunch, Dec'd, and that the said Jas. L. Blewett and Mariah Jane Blewett are the Mother and Father of your other complainants, who are now of lawful age or over the age of twenty-one years, and that said Jas. L. Blewett and Mariah Jane Blewett are mother and father of Jas. S., Wm. R., Mary Jane, and Thos. S. Blewett, now infants, minors, or less than age of 21, who are dependants to the bill and required to answer allegations hereof.

Your complainants would further state that said Mariah Jane Blewett departed

this life on the ___day of ___, 18__ and that your complainants Jas. L. Blewett on behalf of aforesaid children filed bill some years ago vs. H. T. and J. N. Arnold for division of certain tract of land in Warren County containing about 552 acres that belonged to heirs of said George Bunch, dec'd. Upon final hearing of said cause 120 acres were set apart to said children.

Your complainants would further state that they are about to leave the State of Kentucky and take with them said Jas. S., Mary Jane, Wm. R., and Thos. S. Blewett, and that they are satisfied the interest of each party being not worth more than one hundred dollars that said land be sold and money disposted of in the following manner: to-wit, that portion going to infants be placed in hands of your complainants, Jas. L. Blewett, after he shall have been appointed guardian and entered into required bond and to be used to best advantage for them for and during their minority and then equally divided amongst them as they become of age. Your complainant would also state the land can be sold for better price or upon better terms privately then publicly.
Bill filed August 15, 1850 Warren County

Jas. L. Blewett, et al, vs. Jas. S. Blewett, et al

It appearing to this court that Garland J. Blewett had departed this life unmarried and without issue, that Betsy Ann Blewett has married George Berry and Sarah Jane Blewett was decreed to heirs of Mariah J. Blewett in suit in this court in case of Jas. L. Blewett's children vs. H. T. and Jn. M. Arnold.
Filed December 2, 1853

(the above is re-written from decree of Sept. Term 1850 since "the decree was vague and indefinite." I did not find any decree of Sept. 1850.)

Jas. L. Blewett et al, vs. Jas. S. Blewett et al. Report of Commission

The undersigned, who was appointed by Warren County Circuit Court at Nov. Term, 1853, to sell the land mentioned in complainants bill respectfully submits following report. He sold part of said land for sum of $1097.50 to Jesse Bunch for cash. He made sale privately and he herewith tenders deed to the purchases.
Filed December 2, 1853 James. L. Blewett

Indenture made Deed Book 31, page 92, Logan County, August 27, 1851 between Walter Harkrider and Elizabeth Harkrider, his wife, and James L. Blewett. 183 acres of land, consideration $1100.00.

Indenture made February 26, 1852, Deed Book 32, page 53, John H. Marrs and wife to James L. Blewett, consideration $1200.00, 430 acres of land in Logan County
John H. Marrs and Louise Marrs.

Indenture made January 28, 1853, Deed Book 32, page 121, William F. Sutton and Rebecca Sutton to James L. Blewett, consideration $1020.00, 125 acres in Logan County.

Indenture made February 14, 1851, Deed Book 23, page 526, between James L. Blewett and wife, Sarah and James H. Walters, all of Warren County, Kentucky, 340 1/2 acres, $2189.12 1/2.

James L. Blewett

Indenture made December 2, 1853, Deed Book 25, page 109, between George L. Blewett, Betsy Ann Berry, George Berry, Sarah Jane Matlock, Woodford Matlock, James S. Blewett, William R. Blewett, Mary Jane Blewett, Thomas S. Blewett, by James L. Blewett, Commissioner of the first part and Jesse Bunch Blewett, party of the second part. By virtue of decree rendered by Warren County Circuit Court November Term 1853 in suit in which James L. Blewett is directed to sell 120 acres of land decreed to Children of James L. and Mariah Bunch Blewett, consideration $1097.50.
George L. Blewett; Betsy Ann Berry; George Berry; Sarah Jane Matlock; Woodford Matlock; James S. Blewett; William R. Blewett; Mary Jane Blewett; Thomas S. Blewett;
(by James L. Blewett)

Indenture made October 24, 1854, in Logan County, Kentucky, between James L. Blewett and James S. Blewett of Logan County, Kentucky, 185 acres of land, consideration $1100.00

Indenture made March 16, 1853, Deed Book 32, page 321, Logan County, Kentucky, between James L. Blewett of Logan County and Robert S. Turner of Warren County, 430 acres in Logan County, consideration $1240.00.

Indenture made October 16, 1854, James L. Blewett to Joseph S. Reed of Logan County, a certain tract of land in Logan County, consideration $125.00.

Indenture made March 10, 1854, Deed Book 36, page 410, Logan County, between James L. Blewett and Chesterfield Gumpton, all of Logan County, 125 acres, $1100.00. Again you will note that no wife is mentioned.

Chancery Suit #1775, James L. Blewett, vs. J. N. and H. T. Arnold, 1849. Deposition of William Berryman taken at the dwelling of James L. Blewett in Warren County, Kentucky on Wednesday after the first Monday in June, 1845. George Bunch conveyed land in 1825 to James L. Blewett, valued at that time at $3.50 per acre. George Bunch as well as I can recollect, died in 1833. Mrs. Elizabeth Bunch, widow of George Bunch is still alive. (Suit to value the land.)

Then there follows the original certificate from Christopher Greenup, Esq., Governor of Kentucky, 1801, for 360 acres of land to George Bunch.

Indenture made June 8, 1859, Deed Book 31, page 494, Logan County, between James L. Blewett and Thomas J. Hutton of Logan County, Kentucky, 11 acres in Logan County, consideration $275.00.

Indenture made December 22, 1862, between James L. Blewett and Robert S. Turner, both of Warren County, Kentucky, consideration $2000.00, but amount of land not stated, located in Warren County and Logan County.

Indenture made November 24, 1864, Deed Book 386, page 587, Logan County, between James L. Blewett and John N. Felts, of Logan County, 27 acres, consideration $225.00.

Indenture made September 10, 1864, Deed Book 29, page 28, between James L. Blewett and John O. Turner, all of Logan County, 102 acres of land in Logan County, consideration $1320.00.

Again it is significant to note that none of the deeds after 1850 bear the signature of any wife of James L. Blewett, so we must infer that at that time he was enjoying single bliss.

The next record we find comes from his Church. Reads as follows:

"This is to certify that Brother James L. Blewett is a member of the Union Congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in good standing and at his request is dismissed from us and recommended to any branch of Christ's Church where God in His Providence may cast his lot. Done by order of the session at Union Church, Warren County, Kentucky, March 9, 1867.

Rev. J.N. Lewis, Moderator
N. T. Berryman, Clerk"

We find no more on James L. Blewett between this Church letter and his appearance in Texas. It seems he came to visit his son, Rev. George L. Blewett, who, at that time was residing on a farm near Richardson, Texas. Here he met Mary Elizabeth Andrews, a young widow whose husband was killed in the Civil War and in a very short time he and Mary E. Andrews were married on the 27th day of February, 1869, in McKinney, Texas. Inasmuch as we have found that he was born in 1799, he was 70 years old at this time.

Mary Elizabeth Andrews was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Whaley and was reared on a farm near Savannah, Georgia, but further information concerning her or her family is unobtainable.

A marriage license was issued in McKinney, Texas, the 27th of February 1869 to J. L. Blewett and Mary E. Andrews by C. W. Patterson, Clerk of Collin County Court, and the ceremony was performed by S. Bowbly, and they shortly moved to Wise County where a farm was bought about four miles north of Decatur.

James Love Blewett died and was buried on this farm.

JOSEPH O. BLEWETT

By Mary Elizabeth Blewett, 711 Ash, Duncan, Oklahoma

Joseph O. Blewett, son of James Love and Mary Elizabeth Blewett was born July

26, 1871 at Decatur, Texas. He married Katie Couch, November 4, 1894. One son was born to them on September 4, 1895. He was named James Love Blewett after his grandfather. Katie Blewett died May 4, 1897 with tuberculosis. Joseph Blewett married Wilda Nancy Hudson on August 19, 1900. Four children were born to them. Dera Otella was born August 26, 1910. Infant son born March 15, 1904, died when nine days old. Lorena was born December 19, 1906. G. S. (son) born December 25, 1911.

Dera Otella married Willie Lee Hensley, January 16, 1924. Four children were born, Billy Dean Evelyn, Eva Jo, and Barbara June. Dera was accidently electrocuted February 14, 1948.

Lorena married Noah Clifford Kelly Ocotber 22, 1926. One daughter, Patsy Ruth, was born December 2, 1931. They now live in Fort Worth.

James Love (Lovie) Blewett married Opal Reynolds in April 1917. Two children, Kenneth and Kathryn were born. He served in the infantry in World War I in England and France. His son also served in the infantry in World War II and was injured by a piece of shrapnel in the shoulder; he was also in England and France.

G. S. (Son) Blewett married Mary Elizabeth Harris February 17, 1943. They have two sons, Burl Dean born March 15, 1947. Murl Gene born September 26, 1950. G. S. served in World War II in the Medical Corp. Was in service 3½ years, overseas two years and three months, serving in England, Ireland, France and Germany. Was awarded two bronze stars, a good conduct medal and a E.T.O ribbon and service ribbon.

Have given all information I know, some dates I didn't know, but maybe this will help you. - -

The following is furnished by Miss Maude Lanier Blewett (Linnie) of Fort Worth, Texas.

Descendants of James Love Blewett

James Love Blewett was born in 1799, married Mary Elizabeth Andrews in Dallas County (date unknown). They moved to Wise County, four miles north of Decatur, Texas. There were five children born to this family. The first child died at birth. Other children: Joseph O.; Sallie; Granger S. and Jimmie Ann. Died 1876, buried Decatur, Tex.

Joseph O. Blewett (twin) born July 26, 1871 in Wise County, Texas. He married Katie Couch in Bridgeport, Texas in 1893. They had one son, James Love Blewett, born September 4, 1894. Katie died in May 1896. Joseph O. Blewett married second wife, Wilda Hudson, daughter of Baptish minister, August 19, 1900. They had four children; one died in infancy, Dera; Lorena and Granger S. Joseph O. died July 14, 1951 in Comanchee, Oklahoma and buried in Duncan, Oklahoma.

Sallie Blewett (twin) born July 26, 1871 in Wise County, Texas, married to W. O. Williams December 13, 1890. They had two sons, Emmett and Homer S. Sallie died June 21, 1895 in Wise County and buried there.

Granger S. Blewett was born August 3, 1874 in Wise County married Minnie Ola Williams (sister of Sallie Blewett's husband) February 5, 1899, lived on Blewett farm north of Decatur, later living in Decatur. They had four children: Maude Lanier; Joseph Carroll and twin sons born March 17, 1928, who died a few days after birth. Granger was Tax Collector of Wise County from 1918 to 1922, Deputy County Clerk of Wise County 1923-26 and at the time of his death he was the Independent School Tax Collector of Decatur. He was an active Mason. Died suddenly of heart attack at Decatur on August 30, 1939. Buried at Decatur, Texas.

Jimmie Ann Blewett born June 7, 1877, married James C. Carroll (died October 29, 1943) on February 27, 1898, now living in Fort Worth with adopted daughter, Mrs. Ira Mary Carroll Puckett.

Descendants of Joseph O. Blewett

James Love Blewett, born September 4, 1894 in Wise County, married Opal Reynolds. Children: Kenneth Blewett and Katherine Blewett. Kenneth married Wanda Leslie, served and was wounded in World War II, now living in Borger, Texas. Katherine married Billy Joe Foster, who served in World War II and is now in Japan. One son, Rodney. They live in Fort Worth, Texas.

Dera Blewett born August 20, 1901 in Wise County, Texas married Bill Hensley, had four children: Billy Dean, married Margaret Dodson; Evelyn married Salvatore Danna (killed transporting troops from Japan to Korea in 1950); Eva Jo married Don McMahon, and Barbara June. Dera was killed by a live wire in back yard of her home on February 14, 1948, She was buried in Duncan, Oklahoma.

Lorena Blewett born December 19, 1906 in Wise County, married N. C. Kelly, one daughter, Patsy, married H. C. Collins, Jr., all reside in Fort Worth, Texas.

Descendants of Sallie Blewett

Emmett Williams was born in Wise County, November 11, 1891, served in World War I, married Myrtle ? in San Francisco, California. They had one daughter, Evelyn, born May 12, 1925, Evelyn married David Holmes, have two children and reside in Richmond, California. Emmett died in San Francisco on June 28, 1941.

Homer S. Williams born in Wise County, August 21, 1894, served in Navy in World War I and II. He married Delina Kerr at Napa, California. Now living in Palo Alta, California. No children.

Descendants of Granger Salmon Blewett

Maude Lanier Blewett born in Wise County, August 8, 1903, resides in Fort Worth, Texas with mother. (Public school teacher in Decatur for 16 years.)

Joseph Carroll Blewett born March 13, 1908 in Wise County married Alice Edgett of Tulsa, Oklahoma, February 1933, now resides in Dallas, Texas. He served as Corporal in World War II. No children.

Charles Harold and Ward Hall Blewett - twins - born March 17, 1928, died a few days after birth - buried at Decatur, Texas.

SARAH JANE BLEWETT

The daughter of James L. and Mariah Bunch Blewett was born in Kentucky, died and is buried there, but so far I haven't been able to obtain any information concerning this party, other than she married Woodford Matlock in Kentucky, and I am informed that they had one son.

Soon after this child was born, Sarah Jane Matlock died and we presume that she is buried in Warren County, Kentucky, but so far I haven't been able to find any information concerning this family, excepting that I find that Sarah Jane Matlock and Woodford Matlock signed the indenture, December 2, 1853, as it seesm that the heirs of Mariah Bunch Blewett entered suit against their father, James L. Blewett, for petition of the estate, which his indenture covered.

I hope at some later date to obtain this information of this family.

JIM or JAMES S. BLEWETT

James S. Blewett was a son of James L. Blewett and Mariah Bunch Blewett, was born in Kentucky, but so far I have been unable to find any additional information concerning him or his marriage other than he seems to have had four sons, James L.; Grider; Fielde and Foster.

MARY JANE BLEWETT

James Love Blewett, born in Warren County, Kentucky, died in Wise County, Texas in 1876, was married to Mariah Bunch in Kentucky. Children: George Lowery Blewett; Jim S. Blewett; Betty Ann Blewett; Tom Blewett; Sarah Jane Blewett; Mary Jane Blewett; Bill Blewett.

Mary Jane Blewett Reeves, born in Warren County, Kentucky, July 6, 1835, died February 4, 1920 in Sentinel, Oklahoma, buried in Hobart, Oklahoma.

Descendants of Mary Jane Blewett Reeves

Mary Jane Blewett Reeves, married William Alvis Reeves in Kentucky in 1860.

Born in Kentucky, January 3, 1837, died Wheeler County, Texas in 1915.
Children: Dick Alvis Reeves, born in Kentucky April 8, 1861, died in Dallas, Texas December 28, 1948; never married. -
Tom J. Reeves, born in Kentucky, February 17, 1862, died in Celina, Texas August 1889; never married. -
Selan Reeves, born in Kentucky, December 27, 1865, died in Wheeler County, Texas. -
Mariah J. Reeves, born in Kentucky, January 3, 1867, died in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
Betty Ann Reeves, born in Richardson, Texas, May 22, 1869; now resides in Lynwood, California.
Kate Reeves, born in Richardson, Texas, June 27, 1872, died January 16, 1952 in Arlington, Texas.
Ada Belle Reeves, born in Richardson, Texas, October 9, 1875, died October 7, 1946 in Dallas, Texas.

Descendants of Betty Ann Reeves

Betty Ann Reeves, husband John T. New, born in Lebanen, Tennessee, November 7, 1867, married December 27, 1891 in Celina, Texas. He died May 6, 1939 in Riverside, California.
Children: Thomas New, born in Celina, Texas, October 7, 1892, died May 21, 1940 at Palo Alto, California.
Mary Creela New, born in Celina, Texas, December 3, 1893, died September 30, 1895 at Celina, Texas.
John Taylor New, born in Celina, Texas, October 10, 1895, now resides in La Jolla, California.
Katy Lou New, born in Celina, Texas, February 16, 1898, now resides in Lynwood, California.
Betty Ann Reeves New married J. A. Robinson, August 24, 1942.

Descendants of Thomas New

Thomas New; wife, Alice Collett; born in Salt Lake City, Utah, June 12, 1896, married April 18, 1918 in Salt Lake City.
Children: Ada Belle New, born in Long Beach, California, April 20, 1922, died in Los Angeles Hospital, May 20, 1930.
Douglas T. New, born in Los Angeles, California, January 17, 1925; still single in 1953; resides in Long Beach, California.

Descendants of John Taylor New

John Taylor New; wife, Ruth Campbell; born in Albany, Texas, June 28, 1897, married September 15, 1917 in Amarillo, Texas.
Children: Taylor Berry New, born in Amarillo, Texas, December 21, 1918, died January 17, 1919.
Mary Creela New, born in Hereford, Texas, December 30, 1919; now resides in Lancaster, California.
Donna Jean New, born in Long Beach, California, August 1, 1924; now resides in Los Angeles, California.

Descendants of Katy Lou New (Year 1953)

Katy Lou New; husband, Don R. Doolittle; born in Sabetha, Kansas, September 23, 1891, married July 6, 1916 at Amarillo, Texas.
Children: Floyd Russell Dootlittle, born in Hereford, Texas, April 8, 1917, now resides in Billings, Montana.
Evelyn Louise Doolittle, born in Riverside, California, March 31, 1923; now resides in Huntington Park, California
Forrest Allen Doolittle, born in Long Beach, California, March 15, 1926; now resides in Whittier, California.

Descendants of Mary Creela New

Mary Creela New; husband, Christopher N. Spiro; born in Worcester, Massachusetts, December 13, 1918, died November 19, 1951; was married in Yuma, Arizona, February 4, 1951.

Children: Pamela Donna Spire, born in Montgomery, Alabama, January 17, 1944.

Descendants of Donna Jean New

Donna Jean New; husband, James Gressman; born in Constantine, Michigan, June 19,1922, married in Hastings, Nebraska, July 21, 1945.

Children: Donald J. Gressman, born in Riverside, California, October 16, 1947.
Connie Lee Gressman, born in Riverside, California, June 7, 1950.
Rick Gressman, born in Riverside, California, February 24, 1953.

Descendants of Floyd Russell Doolittle

Floyd Russell Doolittle; wife Eileen Marie Hiatt; born in Harmiston, Oregon, September 7, 1917, married August 18, 1940 in Long Beach, California.

Children: Douglas Russell Doolittle, born in Bakersfield, California, July 18, 1941.
Linda Gail Doolittle, born in Los Angeles, California, October 25, 1944, died June 28, 1951, Whittier, California, buried in Rose Hill Memorial Park.
Bruce Allen Doolittle, born in Los Angeles, California, May 19, 1947.

Descendants of Evelyn Louise Doolittle

Evelyn L. Doolittle; husband, Norman H. Green; born in Seattle, Washington, December 25, 1912, married February 14, 1943, in Dallas, Texas.

Children: Don Edward Green, born in Bell,California, December 7, 1949.
Jon Norman Green, born in Bell, California, April 10, 1951.
Diane Louise Green, born in Huntington Park, California, October 2, 1953.

Descendants of Forrest A. Doolittle

Forrest Allen Doolittle; wife, Geraldine Mae Quante; born in South Gate, California, May 4, 1925, married December 16, 1945 at Huntington Park, California.

Children: Steven Allen Doolittle, born October 4, 1953, Lynwood, California.

BETTY ANN BLEWETT

After numerous attempts I have at last obtained a very brief and incomplete genealogy of Betty Ann Blewett, and only regret that I am not able to give you more information concerning this sister of my grandfather.

Betty Ann Blewett was born in Kentucky, daughter of James Love Blewett and Mariah Bunch Blewett. She married Will Berry, when and where, I have no information, but they later resided in Wise County, and I rather believe she died and is buried in Olney or Newcastle. The following children were born; Jim, Lee, William, Wally and Knuck.

Lee Berry had the following children; Dora Raymond and Otley. William Berry had the following children; Frank, John, Dessa, Mary*, Charley and William. John Berry had the following children; John, Imogene and Jalonn. Charley Berry had the following children; Wilson, Robert, Joe and Betty. William Berry had the following children; Ruth, Frank, and Fred. Wally Berry had the following children; Argil, Jewell and Ruth. Jewell Berry had the following children; James, Julia, Mary, T.J., and Jonny. Ruth Berry had the following children; Barbara, Tommy, Larry, Joy and Garry. *Mary (now Mrs. W. L. Bosworth) resides at 1117 West 11th St., Wichita Falls, Texas

MARIAH (or MARY) JANE REEVES

Mariah or Mary Jane Reeves was born in Kentucky, January 3, 1862, died in Oklahoma City, January 25, 1947. Married Henly F. Doyle, who was born December 30, 1858, died in Celina, Texas, April 13, 1901.

Children: Dora F. born in Celina Texas, February 17, 1887, died Febr. 18, 1887.
Grace E. Born July 25, 1888, now resides in Oklahoma City.
Blewett E. born April 28, 1895, now resides in Oklahoma City.

KATE REEVES

Kate Reeves was born in Richardson, Texas, June 27, 1872, died January 16,1952

in Arlington, Texas. Married Joe Harris, further information lacking. Children: Floyd Harris, who now resides in Grand Prairie, Texas, 325 N. E. 10th St.

MARY ISA BELLE REEVES

Mary Isa Belle Reeves was born near Richardson, Texas, October 9, 1875. Married Clarence Emmet Perkins in Celina, Texas, December 23, 1891, died in Dallas, Texas, October 7, 1946 and was buried in Restland Cemetery, Dallas. Children; Ada Belle Perkins, who married H. S. Finley, now resides at 5922 Oram St., Dallas, Texas; Buelah Perkins, who married George A. Gray and now resides at 6107 Richmond St., Dallas, Texas; Walter Perkins who now resides in Mexia, Texas; Clayton Perkins, now residing in Dallas; Clifford, now residing in Dallas, and Woodrow residing in Ennis, Texas

Clarence Emmet Perkins was a prominent merchant in North Texas, head of the Perkins Dry Goods Company, operating a chain of retail dry goods stores for many years, but during the later part of his life was a prominent cotton broker and resident in Dallas, Texas, where he died at the age of 77 years.

SOLON REEVES

Solon Reeves was born in Kentucky, a son of Mary Jane Blewett Reeves and William Alvis Reeves. In 1887 he married Cora Jameson, near Richardson, Texas. Children; Mrs. Bert Reeves McDonald, who resides in Arlington, Texas; Garland Reeves, who now resides in Napa, California; Blanche Reeves Reynolds, who now resides in Shamrock, Texas; Mary Frances Reeves Smith, who now resides in Yukon, Oklahoma, route 2; Alvis Reeves, now resides in Shamrock, Texas; Mrs. Eloise Reeves Green now resides at 809 Hughes St., Amarillo, Texas; Juanita Reeves, who married Mr. Ledford, is now deceased.

THOMAS W. BLEWETT

Thomas W. Blewett was the son of James Love and Mariah Bunch Blewett, born in Warren County, Kentucky, September 24, 1842. Married on October 20, 1864 to Maggie Ann Jones, who also was born there on February 22, 1844.

My many appeals to descendants have never received any attention whatever, so I must rely on my vague and unreliable memory for history of this family.

Just when they came to Texas is not known by me, but I suppose he may have come with his father, James L., about 1867. They lived on a farm in Wise County which adjoined the land belonging to my father, hence I knew the family well, but was always under the impression that he was my grandfather's half-brother instead of a full brother, as my research seems to show. Just when he or his wife died is also unknown, but I think sometime between 1890 and 1900, and I suppose they are buried in Decatur or perhaps Graham, as they moved to Young County soon after we left the ranch in 1890. The following children were born; Josephine (Josey), March 17, 1866; James H. (Buck), March 11, 1867; Thomas L. (Lewis), October 8, 1870; Bettie Belle, December 10, 1872; and Nettye June, June 3, 1882.

Josephine married Thadeus McSpadden who lived on a nearby ranch on December 10, 1884. At one time they lived in Denton but no further record known.

James H.(Buck) married Lelia May Brown who lived on a farm about three miles south of Decatur on November 5, 1893. They later moved to Young County, near Olney and later to Deaf Smith County, near Friona, where he accumulated a large ranch and became wealthy. They had a very large family and his wife died in Fort Worth about 1936, and I attended the funeral in Fort Worth. Buck died a few years later but when or where I don't know. They left several children and grand-children.

Thomas Lewis married Mattie Griffin, November 8, 1894 and they also moved to Young County, where I think he died about 1910. I don't know if they had any children or not.

Bettie Bell married Andrew J. Simmons, November 5, 1893, but I know nothing more.

Nettye married John Clement Vaughan, November 28, 1905, and now resides in Austin,

Texas. He is associated with some oil company and is of some means. Issue: Dorothy, born July 29, 1906, married Herman F. Voss; John Clemant, Jr., born December 2, 1908, married Nonie Neal; Margaret Ann, born June 5, 1910, married W. L. Turner; Terrell Justice, born July 8, 1913; Caroline, born August 18, 1919.

JAMES HOWARD (BUCK) BLEWETT

Son of Thomas Blewett and Maggie Jones Blewett, was born in Bowling Green, Kentucky, March 11, 1867, died in Megargel, Texas, November 7, 1944. Was a farmer and rancher in Wise County, Young and Parmer Counties, Texas and had extensive holdings. Married Lelia May Brown, November 4, 1894 in Fort Worth, Texas. She was born in Wise County, about three miles south of Decatur, August 16, 1876 and died in Fort Worth, April 4, 1938.

To this union the following children were born; Leola, Mittie Cornilas, Joe W., Beatrice, Gracie, Zelma Brown, Margaret Ann and G. H.

Leola Blewett was born in Wise County, September 14, 1885, expired at Friona, Texas, July 22, 1932. Married Dick McEwen, November 17, 1912 at Olney, Texas. To this union one child, Robert McCoy, was born at Megargel, June 3, 1916.

Robert McEwen married Phillis Wingert at Clovis, New Mexico in May 1938. Children: Robert Elden, born December 29, 1939 at Hale Center; Gary Don, born at Graham, December 15, 1942.

Mittie Cornilas Blewett was born in Wise County, Texas, April 20, 1896, married Emmit Franklin Sylvester at Megargel, Texas, December 6, 1914. He died April 17, 1938 at Friona, Texas. Married John W. Perkins, December 15, 1938 at Amarillo. He expired at Ranger, Texas, February 8, 1954. She now resides at Megargel, Texas.

Beatrice Blewett was born January 15, 1901. Married Nathaniel Albert McEwan atMegargel, Texas, October 14, 1922. To this union six children were born; June, James, Margaret, Van, Donald, and Gay Maxine.

June LaVerne was born February 22, 1924, married Kenneth McWhorter, January 1, 1942; Children; Ginger Faye, born January 30, 1949; Jerry Dale, born March 5, 1951; Joe Ray, born August 6, 1926.

James Albert McEwen, born January 29, 1926, married Maryrae Fleming, July 26, 1951: Children; Peggy Ann, born April 5, 1953.

Margaret Faye, born February 24, 1929, married Lemoine Johnson, March 31, 1947.

Van Derrel, born June 28, 1932.

Donald Wayne, born June 28, 1937.

Gay Maxine, born February 21, 1941.

Mrs. Beatrice Blewett McEwen resides at Megargel, Texas

Grace Eveline Blewett, born in Baylor County, Texas, January 16, 1903, married DeCal DuBose, December 4, 1921 in Megargel, Texas. Now lives in Megargel, Texas. Children: Joyce Katherine, born October 25, 1924. Married James Stonewall in 1942, married Roy Samuel Fields, July 21, 1946 in Fort Worth, Texas. One child, Deborah Grace was born August 29, 1953. Now resides in Midland, Texas.

Zelma Blewett, born July 2, 1906 at Olney, Texas, married Thomas Eral Estill, July 23, 1924 in Megargel, Texas. Expired October 27, 1953 in Megargel, Texas.

Margaret Ann Blewett, born August 8, 1908 in Olney, Texas, married Carl George Pierce at Farwell, Texas, August 9, 1926. He died at Friona, December 15, 1930. One child was born, Robert Earl Pierce at Friona, Texas, July 11, 1930. Married Margaret Kuetter, September 12, 1951 at Windhorst, Texas. One child, Jacqueline Ann Pierce, born at Olney, December 15, 1953.

Margaret Ann then married Leslie Walsh, December 23, 1933. Children, Eugene, born February 14, 1940 at Decatur, died same day. Joy Lynn born September 4, 1947 at Olney. G. H. Blewett, born November 19, 1912 at Olney, Texas, married Irma De Busk, December 23, 1933. One child, Dona Jean, was born May 10, 1940 at Clovis, New Mexico. He now resides at Willow Beach Camp, Graford, Texas

Joe W. Blewett married Irene Gore Blewett, born October 27, 1902, died August 24, 1950. Children: Eris Elaine, born January 5, 1924, married Howard Roy Buckner, Jr.

June 1954. Present address, Warrington Rd., Neshaminy, Pennsylvania. Children: Theresa Ann, born March 23, 1946 and David Howard, June 28, 1949.

Theresa Nell, born November 29, 1925, married John J. Cosner, Jr., May 27, 1947. Present address 3903 W. 6th St., Fort Worth, Texas. Children; John J. Cosner, III (Johnny) born July 9, 1951.

Zelma Louise born July 17, 1928, married Dick Eastin, February 6, 1954. Present address 429 Cleveland, San Antonio, Texas.

Henry Howard born January 17, 1931, married Connie Young, March 1, 1954 in Surry, New Hampshire. Now in the Navy.

Lynn Edward, born December 19, 1922, married Katherine Walker, May 1934 in Clovis, New Mexico. Present address Weatherford, Texas, 1913 South Main St.

WILLIAM R. (BILL) BLEWETT

Furnished by Mrs. Ethel Weatherall
1430 Hubert, Dallas, Tex.

Bill (W.R) Blewett, son of James Love Blewett and Mariah Bunch Blewett was born December 6, 1848 in Warren County, Kentucky, died in Velma, Oklahoma, February 21, 1913. Buried at Velma, Oklahoma. Married Mary J. Jones, born Warren County, Kentucky, August 7, 1849, died in Duncan, Oklahoma, August 13, 1934, buried at Velma beside her husband. Both were members of Methodist Church. Descendants of W. R. (Bill) Blewett.

Sarah J. Blewett born in Kentucky, May 23, 1868, died February 8, 1934, Dallas, Texas. Buried in Restland Cemetery, Dallas, Texas. Member of Christian Church.

John W. Blewett born September 20, 1869 in Kentucky, died February 23, 1870 in Kentucky.

Charlie L. Blewett born January 23, 1869 in Kentucky, died October 18, 1889 in Hunt County, Texas. Buried in Hunt County.

Elizabeth C. Blewett born in Kentucky, April 23, 1873, died January 7, 1944 in Roanoke, Denton County, Texas. Buried in Roanoke Cemetery. Member Christian Church.

Edward (Ed) F. Blewett born August 23, 1875 in Kentucky, died September 12, 1943, Duncan, Oklahoma. Buried in Duncan, Oklahoma. Was member of Methodist Church.

Ellie Bell Blewett, born in Kentucky, July 15, 1877, died April 10, 1935, Roanoke, Denton County, Texas, buried Roanoke, Texas. Member Methodist Church.

Willie B. Blewett born August 27, 1878 in Kentucky, died August 5, 1879 in Kentucky.

Maude A. Blewett born in Wise County, Texas. Now resides in Dallas, Dallas Co., Texas. Member of St. John's Methodist Church.

Jerry P. Blewett born November 5, 1881, Collin County, Texas, died December 5, 1883 in Collin County, Texas. Buried in Collin County, Texas.

Clinton L. Blewett born February 3, 1883 in Collin County, Texas, died September 12, 1883 in Collin County, Texas and buried same place.

Mollie Blewett born July 31, 1884 in Collin County, Texas and now resides in Shamrock, Texas. Member Methodist Church.

Bud Blewett born March 10, 1886 in Collin County, Texas died as an infant.

Willie G. Blewett born March 22, 1888 in Hunt County, Texas now resides in Duncan, Oklahoma. Member Nazarene Church.

Descendant of Sarah J. Blewett

Sarah J. Blewett born in Kentucky, May 23, 1868, died February 8, 1934 in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas. Buried Restland Memorial Park, Dallas, Texas. Married July 5, 1886 to Nathaniel R. Montgomery, who was born in Indiana, December 8, 1862, died Oct. 9, 1937 In Dallas, Dallas County, Texas. Buried in Restland Memorial Park, Dallas. Two children were born into this union. Claudy Montgomery, Born May 29, 1887 in Hunt County, Texas, died June 8, 1888, Hunt County, Texas.

Ethel M. Montgomery born in Hunt County, Texas, April 12, 1889. Now resides in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas. Married V. E. Weatherall, January 10, 1906, who was born in Lavon, Collin County, Texas. V. E. Weatherall died in Dallas, Dallas County,

Texas, February 16, 1950. One child was born into this wedlock, Weldon N Weatherall, now residing in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas.

Descendant of Elizabeth C. Blewett

Elizabeth C. Blewett born A ril 23, 1873 in Kentucky, died January 7, 1944 in Roanoke, Denton County, Texas. Married John Montgomery on October 10, 1890. John Montgomery was born in Indiana, died October 20, 1942. Two children were born into this union; A. B. Montgomery, who now resides in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas, no children; Mrs. Beulah Becknell born August 28, 1906, now resides in Arlington, Texas. Has one child, son, by a former marriage - James Edward Shearer, residing in Arlington, Texas.

Descendants of Edward (Edd) Blewett

Edward Blewett was born August 23, 1875 in Kentucky, died September 12, 1944 in Duncan, Oklahoma. Buried Duncan, Oklahoma. Married October 23, 1901 to Mary Reecer, Farmersville, Texas, Collin County. Two children were born to this union, both sons; Cecil Blewett born July 17, 1902 at Farmersville, Texas now resides in Duncan, Oklahoma. Married and three children were born; Bobbie Ruth, Louis, baby boy died as an infant; Bert Blewett born December 8, 1903, Farmersville, Texas, married and has two children, Buddy and Dora, now residing in Tyler, Texas.

Descendants of Ella Bell Blewett

Ella Bell Blewett born July 15, 1877 in Kentucky, died April 10, 1935 in Roanoke, Denton County, Texas and was buried in same place. Married Bud Maberry, December 5, born in Missouri, died April 15, 1949 in Fort Worth. Buried Roanoke, Denton County, Texas. One child was born, Gracie Maberry, born December 30, 1898, Farmersville, Texas, now resides in Fort Worth, Texas-married William Simmons. Three children were born, Cora Bell, J. W., and Billie Joe, all reside in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas.

NOTE: The information above clarified a problem that has confronted me since April 1935.

My mother passed away in Denton on April 8, and it was necessary for me to visit the funeral parlor prior to services to see that everything was taken care of, and in going through the mortuary, I saw a corpse that was so strikingly similar to my sister, Mettie, that I asked the undertaker who it was, and he gave me the name and said the family lived in Roanoke, but, of course, that made no impression on me.

After the funeral services for our mother I spoke to my sister about this resemblance and it so happened she also had seen this corpse and was likewise impressed with the resemblance, and now after some sixteen years the mystery is clarified.

Descendants of Maude A. Blewett

Maude A. Blewett born February 18, 1880 in Wise County, Texas now resides in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas. Married March 21, 1906 to Ben Evans, born November 12, 1870 in Tennessee, died March 23, 1934 in Lewisville, Denton County, Texas. Buried same place. Five children were born into this union. Mary Stone Evans, born January 22, 1907, resides in Arlington, Texas. Married February 22, 1928 to Floyd Kelley. One child born - Billie Jim Kelley, divorced, married a Mr. Rodgers, one child born Ted Rogers, Rodgers died. Married Melvin Watkins, one child Jeanette. Mary and Melvin Watkins now reside in Arlington, Texas. Nannie Bell Evans born August 6, 1909, resides in Lewisville, Texas. Married Thomas Sparks, July 10, 1931 and produced two children, Tommy Ray and Margaret, both reside in Lewisville, Texas.

Charlie B. Evans born December 25, 1910 and died at the age of three months.

Jenny Lyn born October 13, 1913, married Jim Montgomery, November 3, 1929 and now resides in Dallas, Texas. Two children were born to this wedlock, Monty Wayne and Dell Montgomery, both reside in Dallas, Texas. Monty Wayne is married and Dell is not at this time.

Mattie Lee Evans born September 12, 1917, now resides in Dallas, Texas. Married Walter Evans Reece, December 20, 1942. To this wedlock was born one child, Walter Evans Reece, Jr. on June 7, 1950.

Descendants of Mollie Blewett

Mollie Blewett was born July 31, 1884, Collin County, Texas, now resides in Shamrock, Texas. Married Enich Orr on October 15, 1906, place of his birth is unknown. Five children were born. Lillie Orr married one, Mr. Woods, one child lives in Shamrock, Texas. Elmer Orr married has three children, names not known to writer, now resides in Shamrock, Texas. Roxy Orr married and lives in Duncan, Oklahoma.

Descendants of Willie J. Blewett

Willie J. Blewett born March 22, 1888, resides in Duncan, Oklahoma. Married W. M. Angle, October 23, 1905 and gave birth to four children, Clarance Angle born Aug. 26, 1906 at Farmersville, Texas, who has five children and lives in Lubbock, Texas. John Angle born May 25, 1811 at Velma, Oklahoma, married and one child and lives somewhere in Louisiana. Mildred Angle (twin) born May 10, 1919 at Velma, Oklahoma, married and has two children (twins) one boy (Buddy) and girl (Maurine) born May 10, 1919 at Velma, Oklahoma, married and has two children both boys, Jimmie and Bobby. Maurine and her family live in Midland, Texas, while Mildred and her family reside in Duncan, Oklahoma.

GEORGE L. BLEWETT

George L. Blewett, who later became an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church, was born in Warren County, Kentucky, November 11, 1822, the son of James L. and Mariah Bunch Blewett.

He died on his farm about one mile north of Richardson, Dallas County, Texas, on August 29, 1884, and was buried in the Blewett Cemetery, a tract of land that he set aside from his farm and dedicated as a burial ground and it is so being used now.

Nothing is known of his early life, but we assume that he was raised on his father's farm in Warren County, Kentucky, where he obtained a very limited and meager education under rather adverse circumstances, although he became sufficiently educated to be licensed to preach, as will be shown later.

On September 23, 1841, or when he was nineteen years of age, he was united in marriage in Springfield, Tennessee to Nancy Lowery Harris, her brother, Rev. D. R. Harris, performing the ceremony.

Nancy Lowery Harris was born in Simpson County, Kentucky, February 26, 1820, and died in Richardson, Texas, December 16, 1903, and is buried beside her husband in the Blewett Cemetery near Richardson.

She was the daughter of William Harris and Nancy Highsmith. William Harris, father of Nancy Harris, wife of George L. Blewett (Brief Boi. Sketches of some of the early ministers of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church - by Richard Beard DD. Nashville, Tennessee, Cumberland Presbyterial Board of Publishers, 41 Union Street, 1874) Book presented to Nancy L. Blewett by Rev. Wm. Rushion, Sept. 21, 1875. - -

"' Rev. William Harris was born in 1772. He married Miss Nancy Highsmith in Green County, Kentucky in 1797.

His father was a Revolutionary War Veteran and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Very little is known of his early life except what would be expected from the character of his father. He was religiously educated. He was a young preacher in the great Cumberland Presbyterian Revival in 1800, in that portion of Kentucky around Russellville, where the religious movement commenced.

It is supposed that he was the moderator of the Cumberland Synod in 1821. He delivered the opening address of the session in 1822 in the Beech Meeting House in Sumner County, Tennessee. He taught his family that it was no inconsiderable matter

to be a Cumberland Presbyterian minister. Five of his sons entered the ministry . One of them, David Rice Harris, was one of the earliest students of Cumberland College.

Mr. Harris published the first edition of hymns which was ever published for the use of the Cumberland Presbyterian Chruch. The book was published in 1824. For years to come his name will be a household word in many families in the Green River portion of Kentucky.

(imeomplete due to damage of book)

In letter (see note 1) to George L. Blewett from A. C. Harris, Bloomington, Illinois, 1872, the sons of William and Nancy (Highsmith) Harris were: T. H. Chapman, Chathana, William, David Rice, S. G., A. C. and daughter were Sally and Nancy. Nancy Harris married George L. Blewett in Springfield, Tennessee, September 23, 1841, by Rev. David R. Harris."

An interesting incident occured in his childhood when young George, a child of about three years, was attending a revival with his parents, and as was the custom, the children amused themselves while the older folks attended the services. Little George fell into the well and was near drowning when the preacher pulled off his shoes and coat and was lowered into the well and found little George clinging to the rocks with which the well was walled. The preacher who saved little George's life was to become his father-in-law, for he later married the preacher's daughter, Nancy Harris.

Of this union of George L. Blewett and Nancy Harris Blewett, the following were born: Baxter; James R.; Anna E.; George Henry; Samuel R.; Mariah Jane; Joseph A.; Charles J.; Parasidiah Jane; Thomas K.; Chapman H.; Josiah Napoleon (Nip); Mary B.; Melvin H.

One of the most interesting items is the record you will find in the genealogy in which the following deaths occurred: Samuel R., December 5, 1852; Mariah, December 7, 1852; Charles J., December 12, 1852. So you can well understand just what a terrible, tragic Christmas this family experienced, for it seems that an epidemic struck Warren County, the nature of which no record was found, but doubtless many other families suffered at the hands of the Grim Reaper.

This epidemic resulting in the death of these three children within one month may have influenced my grandfather, George L. Blewett, to move to Texas, not only with the hopes of finding a more healthful, pleasant and agreeable climate, but also to leave behind the sad scenes of sorrow and death.

He professed religion in Simpson County, Kentucky, January 15, 1840, and joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, an Old Union Church in Warren County, Ky.

The next record we have is on October 2, 1853, when he was licensed to preach by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Warren County, Kentucky and later he was ordained by the White Rock Presbyterian at Sherman, April 17, 1864.

Mr cousin, Mrs. J. D. Harben, (Nee Jessie Blewett) has some very interesting and valuable papers of our grandfather, Rev. George L. Blewett, some of which I deem it proper to introduce at this time. In fact, some of these were so outstanding in interest and historical value that the Fort Worth Star Telegram reporduced them in their issue of May 16, 1951.

Below is a draft notice of the Mexican War and your attention is invited to the particular wording of this draft notice in which it states that a regiment of "volunteers" is to be enlisted, but further on, it states "I hereby notify you to appear armed and equipped as the law directs," which to my mind does not leave much option for the volunteers.

"Draft Notice Mexican War.
Regimental Order** To Arms

Bowling Green, Kentucky
September 4, 1847

Sir:

The general government having made a levy upon Kentucky for two Infantry

Regiments of Volunteers to serve during the War with Mexico, His Excellency, Gov. Owsley, has directed that two Companies shall be raised in each Congressional District. To facilitate his order, I hereby notify you to appear, armed and equipped as the law directs, in Bowling Green, on Wednesday next 8th inst., at 10 o'clock A.M. when and where Volunteers will be recruited for service. By order of P. Dudley, Adj't Gen.K.M.

P. B. Hawkins
Col. Com'dt 25th Regiment Ky., Militia

The words "armed" and "equipped" are very signigicant as you were expected not only to furnish your weapons and ammunition, but also your clothing and other appurtances.

There is no record of my grandfather having served in this Mexican War, so he may have been excused on account of having a young family.

Another document is due for study and analysis, being a receipt to George L. Blewett. -

"Received of George L. Blewett, $20.00 in part payment of a note in my hand for collection against Thomas Blewett and J. G. Blewett this 30th day of May, 1846.

Signed,
R. A. Pinley"

From the above, I would infer that George L. Blewett was security on this note which he seemed to have been compelled to pay, and the Thomas Blewett may have been his brother, Thomas W., but I do not find any J. G. Blewett, so it may have been Garland J., Jr.

A search of the records in Warren County does not reveal any transfers of real estate or other documents in the name of George L. Blewett.

Nothing further is recorded of George L. Blewett until my cousin, Miss Linnie Blewett of Fort Worth, Texas, a daughter of Granger Blewett, who was a half-brother of George L. Blewett, gave me some old papers that belonged to her grandfather, James Love Blewett, the father of George L. Blewett, one of which is a letter written by my grandfather, George L. Blewett, dated Licke, Texas, Fannin County, November 21, 1853, and at that time envelopes were not used as the last page was folded over and fastened with sealing wax, nor were stamps used, as the postmaster simply marked on the addressed side the amount of postage.

This letter was addressed to his father, James Love Blewett, Russellville, Kentucky, and I quote it below: -

"Dear father:

I take my pen in hand to let you know that we are all well and getting along well and I hope these few lines may find you all in good health.

We are about 90 miles from Dallas. The reason I write to you now is that I want to look about a while after I get to Dallas before I write to you in order that I can let you know what I think of that section of the country.

I can say to you truthfully that I like this country better than any country I have ever seen in my life. I believe I could pick 1000 acres in the prairie that you could see a dog in and every foot of it as rich as Spring River Bottom, Missouri is nothing compared to Texas. Neither is the best prairie of Illinois. The people look as well here as they do in Kentucky. They are equally as intelligent.

We have passed as many fine homes yesterday and today as we would have passed in traveling the same distance in Kentucky. I am much better pleased with this country than I ever expected to be. The wheat looks as well her now as it does in Kentucky in the spring of the year.

We have been offered land for $2.00 per acre with timber enough to fence it, that was as level and rich as you ever saw. I am told that land is higher about Dallas than it is here. I am still going there and if I do not like that section, I am coming back here to settle. They tell me that they make from 20 to 30 bushels of wheat

and from 8 to 10 barrels of corn (per acre). We have seen as good beeves on the prairies that were not fed as I ever saw anywhere. They make from 1000 to 1500 lbs. of cotton to the acre.

Nancy is well pleased with the country and said she would not be back in Kentucky on any terms. I see no local cause for sickness. The country is very healthy at this time.

We stopped at Anthony Treever (?) Streets' yesterday. His wife says that Texas is described healthier than Kentucky. Everybody tells us that we will be sick a little the first year.

Father, I have always regretted until now that I did not go to Missouri, but I now see that it has all turned out right. I will not persuade any person to move to Texas, but I would persuade everybody who has not land enough to see Texas, as here they can get land for $1.00 per acre that is as good as could be bought in Kentucky for $20.00. Give my compliments to grandmother and also the children. If you do answer this letter I wrote to you from Galconda and Little Rock. Nothing more, but remain you son with due respects.

George L. Blewett."

To James L. Blewett

A postscript is added to the back of this letter as follows:

"send this letter to Finas Harris. Tell him I will write to him."

The date on this letter of November 21, 1853, certainly supports my previous contentions that Rev. George L. Blewett did not move to Texas until that time and although Licke does not exist now, I find it was located in Fannin County, a few miles East of the County Seat of Bonham. This is further supported by the statement in the letter when he says, "we are about 90 miles from Dallas."

It is true that I was not born until 29 years after this letter was written but I am happy to state that I can appreciate just how Rev. George L. Blewett felt when he saw the lush prairie land of North Texas, as in my boyhood days I have seen the fat cattle and horses grazing on this virgin prairie land on grass that reached their bellies, so it must have been quite an experience for him to see such a big body of land after having been hemmed in by the hills and forests of Kentucky.

He wrote as follows: "I wrote to you from Galconda and Little Rock," but I have no knowledge of Galconda. Of course, Little Rock has grown to a metropolis.

You who read these lines must remember and try to conceive the conditions these immigrants contended with, mastered, and overcame in making these pilgrimages over the Country.

These immigrant trains always selected one man who acted as a general or boss of the wagon train, his duties being to control all activities, the routes to be taken, the stops to make and where and when to make them. He also delegated certain duties to other men and boys. Some men had to furnish meat by killing wild game that the country offered, or perhaps catching fish in the streams as they went along.

Others went ahead and scouted the country selecting the best places to stop for a meal or to spend the night, as well as to decide on the best place to cross the streams, while others provided firewood and arranged for the camp site.

The women were also given certain duties - some doing the laundry, others caring for the sick, others preparing the food and game, doing the cooking and washing the dishes.

You ladies who in this day and time turn a button or switch and go to your club meeting or to church or a show and come home and find a meal all ready for the table can have but little conception of the task that these pioneer women performed in preparing meals over campfires, which, under the most favorable conditions, is a great task and trial and I have often wondered how our foremothers ever prepared a meal at all.

As a child, I distinctly recall my father relating the experiences on this higera and that it took eight weeks to make the trip using oxen to pull the wagons. I believe my father said that there were forty families in this emmigrant train, although at this late date I can only recall the names of Huffines, Skiles, Drakes,

Strattons, Butlers and Starks; and I am led to believe that perhaps there were more than one family by each of those names. My father related how he and the other young boys walked most of the way from Warren County, Kentucky to Dallas, County, Texas, as it was their duty to drive the milk cown and other livestock, but since the ox trains would only make about fifteen miles a day, if, of course, was not a very arduous task and I rather suspect that my father and these other young boys had more fun than anybody else.

I am going to let Johnye give you her version: "Around 1854 the siren call of Texas sounded throughout Kentucky with an ever-increasing appeal. Many families residing in Simpson, Logan and Warren Counties left their homes and became new neighbors around a little settlement in the Northern part of Dallas County, which was at that time called Breckenridge.

The old stage line North and South ran through this little town where a stage coach inn and store was run and operated by one Tom Franks, who also served as postmaster, using a nail keg in which the mail was deposited.

This small community soon gave was to a new settlement, for when the railroad was built from Houston to Denison a new town was located on the railroad tracks, which was and is still called Richardson.

When George L. Blewett and the other immigrants arrived they found they could buy this good black rich soil at .50 to one dollar an acre. This soil was extremely fertile and there was also an abundance of wild game. He and his sons were successful farmers but with poor markets he found he had many mouths to feed and many bodies to clothe so beside being a preacher, which, of course, was not remunerative at all, for in those days the preacher did not expect any pay, he also operated a cotton gin."

One of the first records we find of Rev. George L. Blewett is a deed from Joseph H. Skiles to George L. Blewett - 320 acres of land for the sum of $640.00 or $2.00 an acre. This land is located one mile North of Richardson and was the family homestead until his death in 1884, when his widow, Nancy L. Blewett obtained possession and the property, later selling it to her son Chapman H. Blewett, who retained possession until his death.

"The following is a deed to George L. Blewett for his homestead near Richardson, Dallas, County. This deed is written on plain paper in long hand, pen and ink, and is clearly legible at this late date.

State of Texas)
Dallas County) Know all men by these presents

That I, Joseph H. Skiles, of the County of Dallas, and State of Texas, for and in consideration of the Sum of Six Hundred and Forty Dollars in hand by George L. Blewett of the County and State aforesaid, have this day sold and do by these presents grant, sell, convey, and transfer to said George L. Blewett and to his heirs and assigns, the following track of land being patented to me as a sign of Lemanuel Bep. #149 Vol. 241, on the 27th day of April, 1859. And bounded as follows: Beginning at the S. E. Corner of William Hughs 640 acres survey, also at W. Corner of B. Cantrels survey, thence W. on a line of said Hughes, 1900.8vs. to stake in low prairie, Hughes, S. W. Corner. Thence 950.4 vs to W. D. Reids N. W. Corner. Thence East on a line of same, 1900.8 vs. to the N. E. Corner of same, and on the West line of said Cantrell. Thence No. 950.4 vs. to the place of beginning, containing 320 acres. To have and to hold the land above described, together with the appurtenances thereunto belonging to the said G. L. Blewett, and to his heirs and assigns forever, and I the said J. H. Skiles do covenant and agree to and with the said Blewett to forever warrant and defend the title of the same unto the said Blewett against claim of any and all persons claiming or the same or any part thereof by through or under me or otherwise given under my hand this 26th day of December, 1859.

Signed, Joseph H. Skiles

The State of Texas)
County of Dallas) Personally appeared before me the undersigned authority Joseph H. Skiles, who is to me well known and acknowledged the execution signing and delivering of the deed to be his own true act and deed for the purpose and considerations therein specified.

In testimony where of I hereunto set my hand and official seal at office in Dallas, this 26th day of December, A.D., 1859 (but signature not legible.)"

Rev. George L. Blewett organized the first Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Dallas County, which was known as the Duck Creek Presbyterian Church located on what is now the Jim Campbell Farm about five miles Northeast of Richardson.

He preached here to a small congregation of loyal members on every third Sabbath.

In a letter written to him by his son, W. Baxter Blewett, who was in military camp near Huntsville in 1864 and 1865, Baxter said in part, "I think of you all and I often think of the little band of people at the Duck Creek prayer meeting. Think of me and pray for me on each third Sabbath."

In 1870 he organized the Presbyterian Church at Richardson, he and his wife donating the site for the first church house which was a one-room frame building. He served this congregation as pastor from its organization in 1870 until a short time before his death in 1884.

He also organized Presbyterian Churches at Garland, Mesquite and Lisbon, Texas which is now a suburb of Dallas.

The Charter Members of the church organized at Richardson in 1870 were; G. L. Blewett, Nancy L. Blewett, W. H. Stark, Kezia Stark, J. C. Skiles, Priscilla C. Skiles, Mary E. Skiles, Sarah Skiles, Thomas A. Skiles, John Fender, Elizabeth Fender, A. L. Taylor, Jane Blewett, W. H. Harris, James Taylor, Ann Taylor, William J. Halsell, J. R. Blewett, G. H. Blewett and J. N. Blewett. Thus, of the 20 Charter Members, twleve of them were members of or related to our family. You can see that Rev. George L. Blewett's Sundays were completely occupied by preaching as he did at Richardson and Mesquite, which was about twelve miles Southeast of Richardson, and Garland which was about eight miles Northeast. He made these trips horseback as that was the best and fastest means of transportation and the only remuneration or pay he ever received was feed for the horse and meals and bed for himself. He consecrated much of his time by spreading the gospel and serving his Master.

Truly, this Rev. George L. Blewett was a respected and well-loved man and he spend thirty one years of his life trying to build up the Christian religion in his part of Texas, making all the sacrifices that naturally resulted for the building of his Church and the moral status of his community.

No man did more for those around him than he in ministering to the sick, comforting the distressed and burying the dead, as well as performing marriage and baptismal ceremonies.

The community in which Rev. George L. Blewett lived and died regarded him as an efficient instrument in the hands of a merciful God in the conversion of many of the children of that community of the Presbyterian faith. He was held in the highest esteem as a pastor and as a Christian gentleman -- a man of pure motives and great consecration to the work of God. He stood high as a minister of the gospel and citizen of the community and everyone had implicit confidence in his social and moral integrity.

Below is a copy of a resolution tendered to Rev. George L. Blewett from the Session of the Trinity Congragation of the Cumberland Baptist Church at Richardson, Texas, May 8, 1884.

"Rev. G. L. Blewett from Session of Trinity Congregation of Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Richardson, Texas, May 8, 1884.

Whereas Rev. G. L. Blewett organized the Trinity Church, August 21, 1870, and whereas he has been our regular supply ever since, laboring constantly and perseveringly to build it up and whereas he has thought proper to retire from the pastorate

after serving to the satisfaction and even joyous gratification for fourteen years.

Therefore, Resolved that we hold Rev. G. L. Blewett in the highest esteem as a Christian gentleman, a man of pure motives and great consecration to the work of God, and, while we regret exceedingly the circumstances that impel him to resign the position of pastor, in justice to him we so tenderly love, we must say Thy Will be done.

Whereas he has been the efficient instrument in the hands of a merciful God in the conversion of many of the children of the Church and the citizens of the community, we therefore tender our beloved Bro. G. L. Blewett our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for his noble work for us in the community, assuring him that he shall have our constant prayers for his future well being, and for Heaven's great blessing upon him.

Resolved that these Resolutions be furnished the"Texas Observer" and "Cumberland Presbyterian" for publication and be spread on the minutes of our church book.

Which report was adopted --

W. H. Stark, W. H. Harris, W. J. Halsell, T. A. Skiles, Session Committee."

The above resolution, you will note, was passed on May 8, 1884 and following his death on August 4, 1884, the following resolution was passed by the Session of the Presbyterian Church at Richardson, Texas. Both of these resolutions, you will note, convey to you some idea of the love and affection his community had for him.

These following resolutions following the death of Rev. G. L. Blewett on August 4, 1884: --

Trinity Church, Richardson, Texas
September 5, 1884

At a meeting of the session of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Richardson, Texas the following resolutions were adopted.

For the first time, we have been called upon to drape our church in mourning as a tribute of respect to the memory of our Brother and former Pastor, Rev. G. L. Blewett. Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father in this all wise providence to suddenly remove from our midst and association to a home above, our Bro. G. L. Blewett, and while we bow submissively to the will of God, who sometimes works mysteriously, yet we recognize in his sudden and unexpected death the unseen workings of Him who doeth all things well, and wisely controls the destinies of man, and whereas the Rev. G. L. Blewett has nearly fourteen years, and has spent thirty-one years of his life in trying to build up the Christian religion in this part of the state, making all the sacrifices that could have been made for the upbuilding of his church and moral status of the community in which he lived, and whereas no man had done more for those around him than he. In administering to the sick, comforting the distressed and burying the dead.

Therefore resolved that we, his surviving associates, Brothers and Sisters, bowed down with grief from his sad lot, extend our heartfelt sympathy to his surviving widow and family in this their greatest bereavement, and commend them to the tender care of the Great Father, whose sustaining grace is sufficient for all.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our journal, and a copy sent to the widow and family of our Brother and also be sent for publication to "The Texas Observer", Dallas Mercury", and the "Mesquiter."

Done by order of the Session J. H. Fender, W. J. Halsell, T. A. Skiles, W. H. Stark, W. H. Harris -- Committee.

The next exhibit is also very interesting and was also reproduced in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Fort Worth, Texas, May 16, 1951. This is a Confederate Tax Receipt. Although I have read much history and talked to many men more erudite than I, none of them ever heard of the <u>income tax</u> collected by the Confederacy, but here is the official receipt, duly signed and dated. You will note that this $118.50 was paid in Confederate Treasury Notes, which probably had a very small value in gold.

No. 264 Confederate Tax Receipt $118.50

Received of Geo. L. Blewett the sum of one hundred eighteen dollars in Confederate Treasure Notes, being in the full amount of Confederate Tax due him for the

year 1863 for income.

Dated December 20, 1864

T. C. Williams (?)
Collector District 53 (?)

The next is also quite a curiosity as it is called a War Tax Receipt and this receipt has two lines - one for dollars paid in specie and one in Confederate Treasury Notes, so my grandfather paid this $14.15 in Confederate Treasury Notes, being his War Tax for the year 1861.

War Tax $14.15

Received of G. L. Blewett the sum of _____ dollars in specie and fourteen and 15/100 dollars in Confederate Treasury Notes, being the full amount of War Tax due by him for the year 186.

Dated May 9, 1862

T. A. Sweatt (?)
Collector District No. 42

The next is a tax receipt on property in Dallas County. You will note that this tax receipt has a space for income tax, of which, however, he paid none.

TAX RECEIPT PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY

No. 1417 August 23, 1867 $15.84

Received Fifteen dollars and 84 cents from Geo. L. Blewett and son State and County taxes for 1867 on property in this County, as per Assessments roles of that year.

Advalorem	$6.42	Salary none
Income none Poll	2.00	
County Tax	7.42	

Jas. P. Goodnight
Assessor & Collector, Dallas County.

The next is also very interesting. It is a document whose meaning is not exactly clear to me, however, but it seems that Rev. George L. Blewett collected $200 to cover a horse and part of the clothing that E. L. Martin's husband used in the Confederate service, so we are to assume that Mr. Martin was killed and the Confederate Government reimbursed her to this extent, however, that matter had not been corroborated.

$200.00

Received Dallas, Texas, July 9, 1863, of George L. Blewett, Two Hundred Dollars being the amount collected by him for a horse and part of clothing that my husband rode in the Confederate Service.

E. L. Martin (?)

Note signed by George L. Blewett

$15.00

One day after date I promise to pay to E. C. Brandblett fifteen dollars for value received of him March 9, 1861.

George L. Blewett.

Here I want to introduce some letters to George L. and Nancy L. Blewett from their oldest son, W. Baxter Blewett, who was in a Confederate Army Camp near Huntsville, Texas.

Camp near Huntsville, Walker County, Texas
March 12th, 1865

Geo. L. & N. L. Blewett:

My Dear Parents:

Henry having arrived at Camp yesterday bringing me the first news that I had had from home in nearly two months, I concluded to write you and let you know of our whereabouts. We are encamped 5 miles East of Huntsville. I do not know how long we will remain here, but I suppose we will stay somewhere in this County two or three weeks, but there is no telling what we will do or where we will go. Some think we are going to have peace, how I do not profess to know anything about. I am prepared to receive peace on honourable terms and no other. I love my Country and it is for her I will sacrifice everything I have if it is necessary to gain our independence, which I feel confident we will, and that before this year closes, but enough of this for this time. I came very near losing my mare a few days ago. She had a severe spell of the colic I think, as bad as Charlie's was. I saved her life by bleeding her nearly to death. I took over 2 gallons of blood from her. I thought tho____? but she is allright now.

I was glad to see Henry and the Boys. I suppose they had a pleasant time this winter. It is more than I can say of myself for I have shurly had a very disagreeable time this last winter, having had the Chills a part of the time and we have had a great quantity of rain. Also I had a chill a few days ago but I believe I will not have any more sun not for a week or so no way. I was glad to hear that all the family was well and doing well, but I think you ought to have written me a letter, it having been so long since I had received a letter from any of you but I hope to get one by Uncle Bob D.

I have written you at least 10 letters since the _____left camp and I want you to send letters by hand every chance I do not know where to tell you to direct letters to me by mail yet as we do not know what Brigade and Division and Regiment we will be thrown into yet.

I think I will get Henry into this Company without much trouble. There are several men in the Regiment that want to go to the Infantry or Battery, they do not care which, as soon as the command goes where there is either. I can get the exchange made and Henry will stay with this Camp all the time. I will have the exchange made as soon as I can. I think that will not be long. Henry has grown a great deal since I left home. I expect he has been going to see the girls."

The Henry he refers to was my father, G. H. Blewett, so this letter has a lot of significance to me.

The other letters from Baxter Blewett are also interesting as again he mentions my father, Henry or G. H. Blewett, and in the last letter he speaks of his regiment being dismounted, which was on March 30, 1865. I believe that Lee surrendered in May 1865.

The following is a letter from W. Baxter Blewett, dated Houston, Texas,March 1865:

G. L. Blewett

My dear Father:

I again send myself to address you a few lines, although I have nothing of much importance to write more than Henry and myself are both well. Our regiment passed through this city today and will go to Harrisburg, six miles from this place on the Galveston Railroad and will probably be dismounted at or near that place, that is the opinion of nearly every man in the regiment. I think the regiment is certain to be dismounted temporarily if not permantly. I do not see anything to prevent us from

being dismounted, while on the other hand, I see everything encouraging it. All the forage we get has to be brought down on the cars from Hempstead and we have no use from Cavalry down here.

It is said the regiment will be dismounted temporarily and our horses sent to the rear. We will know in a few days what we will do. We had a severe storm a few nights ago, though we would be blown away. We were encamped on the prairie and the hardest rain I have ever seen fell. We got everything we had wet as water could make it.

Your affectionate son,
W. B. Blewett

Another letter from Baxter Blewett addressed to his brother, James R. Blewett dated April 20, 1865, Camp near Houston, Texas.

J. R. Blewett

My dear brother:

Your kind welcome and interesting letter of the 30th came to me yesterday and I hasten to reply as I was truly glad to hear from you and to learn that you were all well. It was the first that I had heard from you since Bud D. left there.

I suppose that Henry (my father, G. H. Blewett) has reached home ere this, and I expect you were surprised to see him, but it was the best advice that I could give him. I think he had better go to some cavalry command, and I would advise you to go to some command on this side of the river and take Henry with you.

I would not advise him to come back to this regiment for many reasons. First, I do not like the country that we have to operate in. If he has to go the infantry, I would go to some good infantry command, I will not remain with the regiment long. I have to go before the Medical Board at Houston and they have recommended me for post duty. I do not know what post I will be assigned to yet, but I am trying to be assigned to the post at Dallas.

Part of this letter is addressed to his father, George L. Blewett as follows:

My dear father:

Your kind letter enclosed in James' came to hand yesterday also.

I was exceedingly sorry to hear that you were in so much trouble and that the old neighborhood was so divided. I am always in hopes that the neighborhood would be united and that peace and harmony would prevail.

I love the old neighbors and still pray that everything may turn out for the best yet. Be of good cheer and take everything easy, and I hope everything will work out all right yet. I often think of all of you in my feeble prayers and pray that we may all survive this war and meet around fireside and enjoy ourselves as we have done in days that have past and gone. Oh, yes, how glad I would be to see dear mother and the little children at home and hope the time is not far-distant when we will meet again.

Your most affectionate son,
W. B. Blewett

In one of his letters he speaks of ill health and this has much significance as the records shows that he died December 16, 1865, of acute dysentary contracted while in the service of the Confederate Army.

All the time that Rev. George L. Blewett was preaching on the Sabbath he was also trying to make a living for his evergrowing family, so we find among these papers a statement from F. Gonzales, Galveston, Texas, September 5, 1870, as it seems that Rev. G. L. Blewett and his son, which one I do not know, were operating a cotton gin near Plano.

Evidently George L. Blewett and Son were operating a cotton gin and this statement was for supplies:

8½ Rolls Sparks Best Bagging with 432 yds at .37½		$162.00
Drays		1.50
Cost Purchasing 163.50 at .02½	4.09	
Advancing	4.09	8.18
		$171.68

Gold 15 Bundles best Belgian-Iron Ties 840 at .05		$42.00
Gold Purchasing 2½	$1.05	
Advancing	1.05	2.10
		44.10

Mr. Fowler pay Henry Blewett $44.10 gold. It's for the ties he used.
LWA

This cotton gin operated by G. L. Blewett and son was located on the farm north of Richardson and the building was standing until about 10 years ago when a storm destroyed it. At this time I cannot determine just which one of the sons was operating this cotton gin with him but from the year he was operating the gin in 1870, it must have been his son, Jim, or his son, Henry, my father, as the other sons were much too young to have been operating a business with him. His oldest son, Baxter, died in 1865.

It is, however, well established that this gin was where my Uncle Nip, Josiah N. Blewett was badly crippled as he got his arm caught in the gin saws leaving him a cripple for life.

Among these papers was also a bill of lading or a receipt from the railroad for two bales of cotton shipped by G. L. Blewett and Son to Frank Gonzales at Galveston, Texas. Also a statement by Stowe and Wilmerding of Galveston, accounting for the sale of seven bales of cotton.

"Plano, Texas, 1873, received of G. L. Blewett and Son by the Houston and Texas Central Railroad the following property marked and described as per margin to be handled at Galveston Station to Frank Gonzales or ordered, they paying freight. Marks B. and B. Articles, two bales cotton assigned Atkinson. Statement by Stowe and Wilmerding of Galveston, Texas, receipts from Dallas Railroad sold to Berry and Bingham, January 8, 1874, 1 bale of cotton marked Blewett press No. 3491, grade GO, weight 508#, price $14.25. Statements covering six more bales during same year."

Account of G. L. Blewett to S. B. Gaines, 1850.

October 4th	2 Bottles	Bulls Sarsasparilla	$2.00
October 15th	1 "	" "	1.00
October 30th	1 "	" "	1.00
Nov. 26th	1 "	" "	1.00
Dec. 3rd	1 "	" "	1.00
Marked paid, May 7, 1851		S. B. Gaines	

Some interesting statements with the merchants at Richardson are also given you:

Rev. G. L. Blewett

1869 Poole & Lockett

January 26	1# soda		.20	
Febr. 9	10# nails	10	1.00	
March 31	1 pa needles		.10	
"	1 bu binding		.10	
"	1½ yds ribbon	10	.15	
"	1 Doz pearl buttons		.10	$1.65

April	10	9 yds Calico	15	1.35	
	"	1 spool thread		.10	
	2	1 pair Nu shoes		1.75	$3.20
	27	5 yds Calico	()	.63	
	"	10 yds. Bed Tick	50	5.00	
	"	1 spool thread		.10	
	"	1 box matches		.15	
	"	1½ Yds Berage	60	.90	
	"	4 Bu Braid	8	.32	
	"	8 yds Calico	()	1.00	
	"	10 yds Calico	()	1.25	
	"	1 salt cellar		25	
	"	1 Bale Thread		2.00	
	"	4 3/4 yds Calico		59	
	"	1 3/4 yds Calico	18	31	
	"	1 tin bucket		50	$12.90
May	3	2 yds Table Cloth	1.00	2.00	
	"	1½ yds flannell	.60	.90	
	"	2 yds Calico	.12½	.25	$3.15
June	19	1 silk handkerchief	()	1.38	
	"	2 box matches	5	.10	
	"	1 pa pins		10	$1.58
August	23	1 round comb ( )-11 yds Berage	35	4.10	
	"	1 spool silk ( )-1 pa needles	10	.35	
	"	1 pa pins		.10	
	27	30# Nails	10	3.00	$7.55
					30.03
			Amt Brot Forward		$30.03
Sept.	1	1 axe & handle		2.00	
	17	1 axe handle		.25	
	28	2 pr hose		.50	$2.75
Oct.	13	# Rope 30 coffee ()		1.75	
	"	25# Nails 10-10# Rope	30	5.50	
	"	2 under shirts	1.25	2.50	
	"	Sugar		1.00	$10.75
Nov.	8	48 yds Domestic	()	8.00	
	"	1 spool thread		.25	8.25
					51.78
			Rec'd payment by cotton		43.53
			March 14, 1870		
			Poole & Lockett		

G. L. Blewett in Acct. with Frank & Jeffries 1871

July 3rd to son	1 pr socks 2 pr	.25
July 10 to Joe	1 pr boots $6.50 1 hat $3.50 1 collar	10.25
Aug. 5 to Joe	1 pr pants $6.00 hdkf 40	6.40
Aug 25 to son	1 pr shoes & socks 2.25 collars	2.75
Aug 26 to Miss Jennie	1 corset 1.00 2 pr cuffs & collars	2.50
	1 pa pins 10 2 spools thread at 10	55
	1 box Lilly White 25 1 pr gloves	75
Aug 28 to Joe	3 yds Calico @ 10 spool 10 box	2.40
	3/4 yd drilling 15 collars	.60
	2½ yds Calico 10	.25
Aug 28 to Joe	1 box blacking 10 1 purse 40	.50
	1 necktie ( ) 2 pr socks 40	1.05
	1 pocket knife 1.00 pencil 10	1.10
Aug 30 to Tommie	1 pr suspenders ( )	.50

	By cash $2.50			
Oct 11 to Garrett	8 lbs nails at 10		.80	
	1 pr Gaiter Shoes		3.25	
	To Tom by cash .50			
Oct 28 to son	1 set cups & saucers 8 pa plates		2.00	
Nov 26 to Tisdale	2 boxes Dye at .25		.50	
Nov 23 to Garrison	5 lb nails at .10		.50	
Dec 15	1 well bucket 1.25-3 yds flannel at ( )		2.75	
26 to Joe	1 silk handkerchief 1.25 necktie .25		1.50	
28 to Joe	1 plug tobacco ( ) .10 envelopes, paper envelopes, pens		1.95	
30 to Joe	3/4 paper .20 ink, 10 envelopes pencil comb ( )		3.50	
Jan 1 to lady	15 yds domestic at 18 20 yds calico		5.20	
" "	5 yds delanea 30 2 yds delanea 20 3 spools		2.53	
	2 pr hose at 30 2 hdkfs ( ) 2 pr shoes		6.60	
	2 yds Bld domestic at 25		.50	
Jan 2 to Joe	4 boxes collars ( ) soap 2p 7 lb tobacco		8.25	
	6 boxes blacking at 05		.30	$33.58
Jan 4 to Jennie	7 yds bld domestic at 20 3 yds Jaconett at 60		3.20	
	1 hdkf 2 bu hair pins at 10 1 spool		1.30	
	2 yds ribbon ( ) R Coil ( ) tooth brush		1.90	$6.40
	Carried over $3.00			$73.63
	Amt. Brot over 3.00		73.63	
Jan 6 to ( )	1 spool		.10	
			73.73	
Jan 16 to son	20 lbs nails at 10		70.73	
			2.00	
			72.73	

The foregoing statement of account is worthy of your careful attention, inviting, as it does, an interesting comparison in the prices that prevailed in 1869, with those that prevailed 40 years later, and those that prevail now. You will notice that Rev. G. L. Blewett paid .20 a pound for cooking soda, which 40 years later sold for less than .10 and now sells for about .08.

He paid .10 a pound for nails which 40 years later were worth about .03 and now are worth about .06, and so on with calico, bed ticking and table clothes, all of which sold much higher then than 40 years ago or even in this day of high inflationary prices.

I am further concerned over some items that his son, Joe, bought, as son Joe seemed to have been quite a gay young blade. He paid $6.50 for a pair of boots that 40 years ago would have probably been bought for $1.50 while now they would probably cost you $15.00 or more. He also paid $6.00 for a pair of pants, and they certainly must have been rather nice pants as 40 years ago a decent pair of pants could have been bought for $1.50 and today they would probably cost $7.00 or $8.00.

Miss Jennie had to be content with $1.00 corset which I rather believe was about as high as they went in those days in place of paying $15.00 or $25.00 as you do now for a two-way stretch girdle that strives to make the women push in in places where they push out and push out in other places where they push in.

Son Joe also went pretty heavy in paying $1.25 for a silk handkerchief.

Another document most unusual concerning a negro woman and her three children which you will notice is dated January 26, 1864. In addition to the cash payment she also agrees to furnish them with clothes and shoes and pay their doctor bills if they should become ill.

This document is not signed so we have no way of knowing whether this was accepted by Rev. George L. Blewett or merely was in his possession.

Dallas County, Texas January 25, 1864

I have this day hired of E. Worthington four negroes Callee Leak and her three children until the first of January next for one hundred and fifty dollars with the following understanding to with: I agree to return said negroes to said Worthington as soon as peace is made between the North and South if short of January next. I will return them if this section of the state should be in danger of the enemy. I will return them at any time when requested to do so by said Worthington during the time by his making a reductions for the balance of the time according to the above agreement. I will give them three suits of clothes and two pair shoes during the time and if they should be sick, lose the time and pay the doctor's bill and pay the taxes.

(not signed)

In our introductory remarks we told you that historians had to be impartial and without sentiment, so I give you papers found in his possession at the time of his death and since no further record can be found of any action taken in regard to these two rather unpleasant records, we can assume that they were dismissed and need be given no further thought.

James Thomas

Merely because a man becomes a minister of the gospel does not take from him certain rights or defense and _____ and I hold in high regard the fact that Rev. George L. Blewett protected himself in such a manner as he saw fit and since the accuser made no effort to prosecute I feel quite certain that Rev. George L. Blewett was amply justified.

Concerning the charges filed against him in the White Rock Presbytery, this, too, was dismissed, so I am inclined to view this as a church quarrel, which, as in the case of family quarrels, soon die and are forgotten.

Spring Creek, October 1, 1868

To the Moderator of White Rock Presbytry, convened in Spring Creek congregation, October, 1868.

The undersigned complaintant would respectfully request your venerable body to consider the following charges against Rev. George L. Blewett, a member of your body.

Charge 1st. The accused circulated a slanderous report against complaintant Specification 1st. The accused has stated to several persons that this complaintant told five lies. Complaintant is satisfied in his own mind that this was done with malice aforethought for the purpose of injuring the Christian Character of this complaintant. The accused has thereby greatly disturbed the peace of Spring Creek congregation. (next page)

Specification 2nd. Complaintant would respectfully inform your venerable body that the accused has endcestriously circulated the above report, without ever having approached complaintant upon the subject.

This complaintant would respectfully inform your body that he has taken the gospel steps in order to reconciliation.

Witness, J. J. Alexander, J. C. Lively

Charge 2nd. The complaintant charges accused of making statements to himself and Bro. J. C. Lively about one year ago, and afterwards denied them, alleging that if complaintant proved them; that he would prove a lie.

Witness, James Thomas, Young Ray, Jessie Meadows, William Tarrent, T. J. Williams (next page)

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of a bill of charges preferred against Rev. G. L. Blewett preferred against him by T. J. Williams.

October 10th, 1868.

_____McGee
_____clerk of the
White Rock Presbytery of the C. P. Church.

Among these papers are some letters addressed to George L. Blewett, written by Garland J. Blewett in Lexington, Missouri, dated February 5, 1868, Garland being the brother of George L. Blewett's father. This letter has a great deal of significance which at this time I have not been able to clarify, for he speaks of a great deal of trouble and jail and the dungeon and the solemn trial of his life. Later on, I may be able to clarify this matter.

Lexington, Missouri
February 5, 1868

Geo. L. Blewett
Dallas County, Texas

My dear Nephew:

I received on yesterday your very interesting and more than welcome letter; and this morning I shall try and answer it, as also the letters of Bro. James and Sister Sally and that I may do so I have selected a large sheet of paper. I should write Sister a separate letter, but the post mark of her letter was so blotted I could not make it out and consequently I do not know how to direct the letter. I received her letter some weeks ago and should have answered it but for the above reason; so much for explanation.

Your letter was truly interesting and pleasureable from the fact that I have not had so full a history of matters, things pertaining to my children since I left Kentucky. None of my children ever write me excepting Charles,--and he very seldom and short at that. I regret that you did not write who married Mary Jane. Where is she and what is she doing. I am glad you gave me the information that your father could be reciprocal and mutual; but did you say nothing about Robt. Turner? Is he dead? Or is he still alive and with her? Having heard nothing from Sally since I left Kentucky and not having seen her for twenty five years, her letter was exceedingly gratifying as also the short note in it from her Brother James.

I have written you a great many letters, and the one I am now trying to answer is the second one I ever received from you in my life and the last one was the only answer I ever received to any I ever wrote you and had concluded that you, from some cause, had become prejudiced or wholly indifferent to me. (next page)

I have one word only to say in reference to myself and the past as far as regards my leaving Kentucky. I am in the sight of Heaven and Earth before God and Man, justified; but I regret and ever shall that I forsook my children to the ruin of some of them and to my great disenjoyment for life. I toiled hard and made a competency by my own efforts solitary and alone, and in a moment of franzy listened to the suggestions of one as a friend, and my conclusion was formed to give up all and leave the country for here. The advice was bad, the conclusion wrong as far as my children and property were concerned and has resulted in their ruin and my impoverishment, and I have no regrets for anything beside, nor am I otherwise censurable or blamable. I say this much and leave the subject; I am now married and have two very interesting children - one turned into the 3rd year, the other eight months old, both boys and I am scuffling along with poverty and other results of the War as best I can. I joined the Southern Army and served my country as best I could but disease and disability forced me to quit, not, however, until I had seen and felt what is War, and know too what is the jail, the dungeon, and solemn trial for life. After all, I am spared my life without constitution or means to support my little family. So far my life has been eventful. God only knows its conclusion. My determination to seem true as best I can and rely on the of his son for my escape from eternal death -- knowing full well if left to my own efforts I shall surely perish here and hereafter.

My health and that of my family is only tolerable. I am in the sixty sixth year, totally blind in one eye, the other so weak that I can scarcely read or write. My right arm all mashed to pieces, palsied and almost useless. My constitution gone, a wreck just waiting the will of God to fall all to pieces, and then my soul to appear before him who gave it to me. I often look over the whole account of life, see many errors, but some comfortable assurance it will pass the sad ordeal that awaits all flesh. Write me often and fully and be assured I will be highly gratified to your friends and relations. Respects to your wife and children and the warmest, tenderest and kindest assurance to you.

Farewell,
Garland J. Blewett

Also there is a letter from Garland Blewett to his sister, Sally, and we can assume that his sister, Sally, was visiting her nephew, George L. Blewett, hence this letter came into his possession.

My Dear Sister Sally:

I write you a few lines appended to the above letter. I received your letter some two or three weeks ago, the post mark was so blotted I could not make out where it was mailed and should have answered it earlier if I had known how to direct it. I was very glad to hear from you, not having heard a word from you since I left Kentucky, tho I have often thought with intense interest of you and sister, Bettie Ann. I wrote to her twice but I never heard a word from her, and concluded she had been prejudiced or otherwise long absence had forgotten me and her sisterly regard destroyed. I also wrote to her husband but failed to hear a syllable from either. I had heard of the death of Mother but no particulars. How did it happen that she died at Mr. Moor's and who is Moor? I really do wish you would give me a long letter giving me a full history of her death and subsequent part of her life. Poor old Mother and I am never more to see you till we meet at the Bar of God. May we there hear the welcome plauded well done good and faithful servant. (next page)

My Dear Sister I hope and believe her immortal spirit is with God in Heaven, let us try to meet her there and will you pray that your brother and all her children may meet with her and enjoy that blessedworld for ever where we will never be parted and separated but dwell with God.

"Oh Heaven Sweet Heaven when shall I see
O when shall I get there"

Present me to your children with due regards and accept from me my true and sincere regards as a brother and be sure and write me often.

Adieu,
G. J. Blewett

Enclosed in this letter is also one from Garland Blewett addressed to a brother, James, who was the father of Rev. George L. Blewett.

Brother James:

I have written you so many times and have got none from you that I sometimes think you are forgetful of our former friendship and familiarity. The short note you sent me in Sister's letter brought much to my memory that I suppose I never should have thought of again. I was glad to hear from you and as you are not situated, you have ample leisure and opportunity to write often and I do hope you will have the inclination and that I shall hear from you frequently. Give me in your next a full history of yourself and children. I am well as usual, have no news to write you but if I had the space is too small to allow of my writing it. Be sure to write me often, long letters filled plum up with a full and correct family history.

Your brother, G. J. Blewett

for

Another article of interest is one dated March 21, 1846, in which James L. Blewett and George Blewett are cited to appear at the town of Elkton, Hickory County, Missouri, as it seems that the defendants, John M. Arnold and Henry T. Arnold, had a cause against Garland and his family.

ARNOLD NOTICE TO BLEWETT

James L. Blewett and Mr. George Blewett for himself and the next friend of Garland J. Blewett, Betty Jane Blewett, Sarah Jane and Mary Jane Blewett, James S. Blewett, William R. Blewett, and Thomas W. Blewett, take notice that on the 27th day of April next we shall attend at the postoffice at the town of Elkton County of Hickory, State of Missouri to take the deposition of Michael Holland to be read as evidence in a suit in chancery now pending in the Warren circuit court for the State of Kentucky, wherein you are complainants and we are defendants. If we should fail to take said depostion on the day above specified we will continue from day to day making efforts to take said deposition until the Saturday succeeding said specified day.

This 21st day of March, 1846.

John M. Arnold
Henry T. Arnold

Another most interesting exhibit is a letter from J. F. Thompson, Passenger Agent of the McKenzie Route, Dallas, Texas, dated Dallas, Texas, April 23, 1878, and which I infer is porbably the forerunner of the present T & P Railroad.

Le GRAND HOTEL
Tom Smith, Manager
Dallas, Texas

April 23rd, 1878

Rev. G. L. Blewett
Richardson, Texas

Dear Sir:

Having been informed that the General Assembly of Cumberland Presbyterian Church convenes at Lebanon, Tennessee, on the 16th of next month, and that you are one of the Commissioners, I write you in the interest of the route via Memphis, McKenzie & Nashville; from all points in Texas it is the Shortest route, & is at least ten hours, or one business day quicker than any other route to Nashville; where Delegates will have an opportunity to visit many points of interest. Excursion tickets will be sold in most of the coupon ticket offices of this state at one fare for the round trip, to Nashville and return; and to all holding via the McKenzie Route, we will give a rate not exceeding one fare for the round trip, Nashville to Lebanon & return. In addition to the advantages already offered we will run a Special Pullman Palace Sleeping Car, on the 14th from Little Rock to Nashville, or such other day as may suit the conveniences of the Delegates; and if desirable will try to have it run through the McKenzie Route with the advantages set forth herein; also if it will be a greater convenience to you, if we run the Special Palace Sleeping Car, on any other day than the 14th from Little Rock.

I would also be pleased to have you give me a list of any or all other Delegates in Arkansas and Texas; also please inform me if there is any paper or papers published in Texas or Arkansas under the auspices of your church & oblige.

Respectively yours,

J. F. Thompson, Passenger Agent

McKenzie Route, Dallas, Texas

I can well recall hearing my father say that his father, Rev. George L. Blewett, was in splendid health and apparently would live many years, when he was peeling a peach on the porch of his home one evening and fell over dead. Thus, who can say "the day belongs to me" or "this year or this minute is mine." I am always constrained to regard the adage "it may be later than you think."

Rev. George L. Blewett, my grandfather, died, as you will note, in 1884, or before I was two years old, so, of course, I have no recollection of how he looked as I never saw him. Not until abouf two years ago did I even see a picture of him, when I located one that was made in Bloomington, Illinois, in the winter of 1884. He died the following August. I found him to be an extremely fine looking man and, as one of my friends so aptly put it, "he is too big for a woman and too pretty for a man."

He had a heavy suit of snow white hair, as well as a white beard and mustache and twinkling blue eyes that indicated a mischievous, jolly disposition, which was directly opposite to any of his sons and most of his grandsons, for all of his sons were as bald as eggs, as are some of his grandsons, including your humble writer.

Another tragedy in this family of unusual note was the burial of Joseph E.Blewett and Melvin Harris Blewett in the Blewett Cemetery near Richardson in 1887, both being buried in the same funeral ceremony.

Joe E. Blewett was born October 1, 1850 in Warren County, Kentucky and died in California, May 8, 1887, where he had gone to try to recover from the ravages of tuberculosis.

He was married to Dixie Splawn, who bore him two children, George Blewett, who died some ten or fifteen years ago, and of whom I have no trace, and Splawn Blewett, born June, 1883, and died February, 1885.

Parasidia Jane Blewett

Parasidia Jane Blewett, commonly called Jane Blewett, was born in Warren County, Kentucky, 1853, and is buried in the Blewett Cemetery near Richardson.

She was married to Charles Harris and had one daughter, Lora A. Harris, who married John Blewett and resided in New York. Lora died many years ago, leaving one son, John Gordon Blewett, who, at last reports, was residing in or near New York City.

W. Baxter Blewett

W. Baxter Blewett, the eldest son of Rev. George L. Blewett and Nancy Harris Blewett, was born in Warren County, Kentucky, June 6, 1842 and died in Richardson, Dallas County, Texas, December 16, 1865. His death was hastened by rugged army life as he was not very sturdy and while in the army he suffered from chills, fever and later contracted dysentery which caused his death.

He never married and from all I can learn was not much inclined in that direction, spending most of his time with his brother, whom he seemed to adore more than was usual.

He, as other boys raised on the farm, worked hard and obtained a certain amount of schooling under most difficult circumstances.

He entered the service of the Confederate Army, spending some time with different regiments. I have previously given you a letter that he wrote to his parents. He is buried in the Blewett Cemetery near Richardson.

James R. Blewett

James R. Blewett was the second child of Rev. George L. and Nancy Harris Blewett. He was born in Warren County, Kentucky, March 15, 1844 and died in Dallas, Texas, June 23, 1899. Buried in Blewett Cemetery near Richardson.

In Dallas, Texas on December 12, 1866 he married Georgia Huffines, who was born in Frankfort, Kentucky, August 7, 1847 and died in Dallas, March 31, 1920 and buried

in Blewett Cemetery.

Requests for information to members of the family now living have met with no response, so I must again rely on memory.

He was an attorney and first practiced in McKinney, but later moved to Dallas.

Issue

William B; born Richardson, April 12, 1869, died in Kansas City, Missouri, December 11, 1904. He married Norine Shilling, September 29, 1896. It is my recollection he was a traveling man for some coal company. Don't know about his children, but don't think they had any. Think he had tuberculosis.

Anna L; born Richardson, October 6, 1867, died October 23, 1867.

Minnie L; born Richardson, August 12, 1871, died May 24, 1890.

Sarah (Sally); born Richardson, November 10, 1873, died Dallas, February 1, 1941. Think she married shortly before her death, but don't know. No children.

Mattie Alice; born Richardson, May 27, 1878.

James Morrow; born McKinney, October 29, 1883.

Mattie Alice married Charles Garlington of Dallas on October 28, 1896. Issue: Gladys Merle; born Dallas, January 4, 1901, married Charles Marth on May 24, 1939, now reside in Dallas.

James Morrow married (first) Dollye Scott on July 24, 1912, divorced in 1936. Issue: Margaret Dare; born Dallas, January 10, 1914, married O. O. White. Henriette; born Dallas, August 19, 1923, married John Touchstone. James Morrow; born February 10, 1926, married Olene Boatwright. Thomas Pace; born August 17, 1929, died January 16, 1933. Elizabeth Ann; born Lamesa, June 30, 1931.

James Morrow, Sr. then married to Dewey Lece McDonald, April 3, 1937 and now reside in Dallas.

George Henry Blewett

George Henry Blewett was born in Warren County, Kentucky, November 15, 1846, the son of George L. Blewett and Nancy Harris Blewett. He died in Denton, Texas, June 16, 1917 and is buried in Denton.

On March 18, 1873, he married Mary Elizabeth Skiles at Richardson, Texas. She was born in Shelby County, Missouri, November 12, 1854 and died in Denton, Texas, April 8, 1935. She, too, was buried in Denton.

She was a daughter of Joseph and Jane Skiles, who immigrated from Kentucky to Missouri about 1850. Her mother, Jane Skiles, was Jane Neal. Jane Neal Skiles was a woman raised in the lap of luxury and had everything done for her until the Civil War when the family was impoverished and she had to go out in the fields much as did Scarlett O'Hara in the movie, "Gone With The Wind."

My mother was, of course, the most wonderful woman that ever lived, to my mind at least, but all who knew her loved and respected her. She was the most energetic woman I ever saw or knew, seemed completely tireless and I never saw her idle in my life. She was always thrifty and I am sure was much help to my father. My father used to say when they were married that she couldn't boil water, but she became one of the best cooks I ever met and provided the family with a bountiful table.

I have seen her can and preserve fruits and vegetables in the hot summer all day over a wood cook stove and then after the supper was finished and the dishes put away she would mend clothes, darn socks and stockings for her large brood of children, who I fear little appreciated her efforts until it was too late, as is the wont of most children. She was extremely devoted to her family and often gave to them when it wasn't necessary or appreciated and her generosity was her only fault.

I have heard others say that my father was exceedingly energetic, tireless and seemed determined to overcome the unfavorable circumstances that surrounded his childhood, which was thwarted with poverty and to this extent he seemed to have ignored all pleasure, frivolity or other pastimes which young men of his age have always indulged in, as in place of going to a party or a dance somewhere, he would be out on a trade of some kind and often returned home late at night. These efforts seem to

have been fruitful, for after staying in Dallas some three or four years he moved to the Southeast part of Wise County on what is still known as and recognized as the Blewett Ranch, he having moved there in 1878. Through good fortune, enterprise and effort he was able to accumulate a considerable body of fine land.

Two Jewis gentlemen, Jake Ulman and Sam Levey, had a wholesale grocery store and liquor store in Decatur and were men of much wealth. Some years later they formed a partnership with my father in this ranch and cattle business which was to continue until 1890 when my father sold this ranch to George E. Brown.

Just how much money he possessed at this time I do not know, nor have I had sufficient curiosity to ascertain, but he moved the family to Denton to afford the children an education, which he was denied, and there he built an oil mill which was the first oil mill built in Denton County and one of the first in North Texas, for I believe at the time he built this mill there were less than 25 oil mills in the entire State. At that time cotton seed, which is now selling for $75.00 to $100.00 a ton, was burned in order to get rid of it, being cheaper than wood or coal. This commercial endeavor was also highly successful, and he was able to sell this oil mill the second year at a price that was highly satisfactory.

Like most farmers who came to town, my father arrived at the same conclusion and embarked in the grocery business, which proved disastrous, as he was too kind-hearted to refuse credit and at this time I have in my possessions notes signed by people that he sold groceries to, some notes being dated over 50 years ago.

He finally disposed of the grocery business and in 1895 bought the ranch in Wise County back and operated it, raising grain and cattle until 1900 when he leased this property to my brothers, Joe and Jack, and moved back to Denton, having made considerable money and felt that he could more or less retire.

Before doing this, however, he dedicated one acre of ground near the old home place to be used as a District School, and at this writing there is a nice brick school building accomodating that section of Wise County, and is known today as the Blewett School.

In 1904 he built a flour mill in Denton, Texas, which he operated with his usual success and acumen until his death on June 16, 1917.

When he first came to Denton in 1890 he immediately became very active in church work, joining the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which at that time was located on North Bolivar Street in a small frame building. He served as deacon and then later as an elder until his death.

About 1895 the church had grown to such an extent that larger quarters were needed and he was Chairman of the Building Committee that arranged for financing and construction of a nice brick building that was a credit to the town. This, however, was later sold to another denomination and the building torn down.

He was also one of the organizers and charter members of the Denton County National Bank, in which he served as a Director until his death, and for many years he was also active Vice-President.

He was a man of unassuming, modest disposition, charitable to a fault and gave unostentatiously to charity, some of which was not always worthy.

To my certain knowledge he educated four young men who declared that they felt the call to preach the gospel and I think all of them did follow this vocation excepting one, who after a short time quit the ministry and engaged in photography.

My father was a man of complete sobriety as I never saw him take a drink of intoxicating liquor nor did I ever know of him allowing any in the house. He was a strict, conscientious Christian who lived up to his precepts and principles in so far as it is possible for a human to do. Although I have seen him become irked and upset I never heard him use the slightest cuss word or blaspheme and it takes a lot of will power to do that when you are branding cattle or trying to get work out of a team of mules. He died at the age of 72 years after about a year's ill health, passing away very quietly in the middle of the night.

His characteristics remind me very much of the letter John Blewett wrote about Old Man William Blewett, for my father was of very similar traits and dispositions and could have qualified for a Quaker.

Descendants of George Henry Blewett

GEORGE HENRY BLEWETT: Born in Warren County, Kentucky, November 15, 1846, died in Denton, Texas, June 16, 1917, buried in Denton. On March 18, 1873 he married Elizabeth Skiles, who was born in Shelby County, Missouri, November 12, 1854, died in Denton, Texas, April 1835, buried in Denton. Children: -

Maria Lula, born Dallas County, December 13, 1873, now resides in Pasadena, California.

Joe L., born Dallas County, April 12, 1875, died Dallas July 7, 1932, buried in Dallas.

Baxter Waldo, born Dallas, February 9, 1877, now resides in Kansas City, Missouri.

Silas A. (Jack), born Dallas, December 15, 1878, died in Dallas, June 12, 1934, buried in Dallas.

Henry Edwin (twin), born in Wise County, September 2, 1882, died Decatur, April 15, 1885, buried in Decatur and reburied in Denton.

George Edgar (twin), born in Wise County, September 2, 1882, now resides in Fort Worth, Texas.

Mettie May, born in Wise County, August 31, 1885, died in Dallas, April 29,1939.

Nancy Jane (Coochie), born Wise County, April 12, 1888, died San Francisco, California, June 21, 1936, buried there.

Emerson K. (Pete), (twin), born Wise County, April 18, 1890, died Fort Worth, June 13, 1932, buried in Denton.

Emory Ford (twin), born Wise County, April 18, 1890, died in Denton, November 7, 1891, buried in Denton.

Lucile Wilson, born Denton, October 15, 1894, died Fort Worth December 5, 1912, buried in Denton.

Avis Norene, born in Denton on December 15, 1896, died San Francisco, California January 1941, buried in Hollywood, California

Descendants of Maria Lula Blewett

Maria Lula Blewett married Harry Edward Moore of Tennessee in Denton, September 30, 1896. Children: Edward Blewett Moore, born Greenville, Texas, August 16, 1897, now resides in Los Angeles, California; Harrold M. Moore, born Denton, Texas, February 1, 1899, now resides in Glendale, California; Ross W. Moore, born Denton, Texas, July 15, 1902, now resides in California. Divorced Moore; married E. E. Haldeman.

Descendants of Joe L. Blewett

Joe L. Blewett married Minnie Floyd of Plano, Texas; no further record. Children: Gladys, now resides in Austin, Texas, married Hulsey. Joe Floyd, now resides in Dallas, unmarried.

Descendants of B. Waldo Blewett

B. Waldo Blewett married Leona Gray (born Jackson County, Missouri, November 26, 1875) married in Denton, July 3, 1898. Children: Henry Nelson, Born Dallas, November 10, 1901, now resides in New York City. Willis Edgar, born Wise County, August 28, 1905, now resides in Denton.

Descendants of Silas A. (Jack) Blewett

Silas A. (Jack) Blewett married Laura Virginia Horback (born Ralls County, Mo., February 16, 1878) at Decatur, Texas, November 20, 1900. Children: G. H. (Bill), born Decatur, October 1, 1901, resides Houston. Roberta, born Decatur, November 17, 1905, resides Houston.

Descendants of George Edgar Blewett

George Edgar Blewett married Ora Culp (born Gainesville, September 29, 1883) in Gainesville, June 23, 1904. Children: Wilma, born Gainesville, July 7, 1905, resides in Fort Worth. Mary Elizabeth, born Durant, Oklahoma, October 21, 1906, resides San Diego, California. Divorced: GEB married Eula Bell Kicklighter Stanfield.

Descendants of Mettie May Blewett

Mettie May Blewett married Ruben (Ralph) Buckley of Mississippi in Denton, exact date unknown. Children: Ralph Cahoon, born Waco, February 7, 1908.

Descendants of Nancy Jane (Coochie) Blewett

Nancy Jane Blewett married Granville C. Christal in Denton about 1909. One child, George Granville, Jr. (Pedie), born Denton about 1911, died in Seattle, Washington in 1950, buried San Francisco with full military honors. Divorced, married Clecak. Divorced, married R. E. Fitzgerald.

Descendants of Emerson K. (Pete) Blewett, Sr.

Emerson K. (Pete) Blewett, Sr., married Beatrice Lucile Allen (born Denton, August 16, 1894) in Denton, November 24, 1914, she now resides in Austin. Children: Dr. E. K. Blewett, born Denton January 10, 1916, resides in Austin. Lucile, Born Denton, July 2, 1919, resides in Austin.

Descendants of Avis Norine Blewett

Avis Norine Blewett married Frank Curry of California, (date unknown), Children: Nancy, now living in Los Angeles. Betty, who was killed in an auto wreck in Hollywood, California, further record unknown now. Divorced, married Wm. Fletcher.

Descendants of Edward Blewett Moore

Edward Blewett Moore married Myrtle White of California in 1923. Children: Edward Jonathon Moore, born March 3, 1925, resides in California. Mary Johanna and Ruth Elizabeth, twins, born March 6, 1926.

Descendants of Harrold N. Moore

Harrold Moore married Marcella Blanchard, December 25, 1938, resides in California. One child, Harrold Ross (Dinty) Moore, born July 7, 1942.

Descendants of Ross W. Moore

Ross W. Moore married Maxine Prouty, July 15, 1922, in California. Children: Son, Bobby Ross, born, no date given.

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Henry Nelson Blewett married twice but no information given. No children.

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Descendants of Willis Edgar Blewett

Willis Edgar Blewett married Beatrice Clementine Buck in McKinney, now resides in Sweetwater. One daughter.

Mary Margaret Blewett married Gordon Thomas Phillips (born November 11, 1903). Children: Gordon Thomas Phillips, Jr., born Amarillo, September 25, 1931. Mary Leota, born Amarillo, October 15, 1932. Gloria Ann born Wheeler, Texas, Oct. 1942.

G. H. (Bill) blewett married Murl Moore, Los Angeles, August 5, 1930; no children. Now reside in Houston, Texas

Roberta Blewett married Leonard Harper of Denton, August 25, 1926; no children. Now reside in Houston, Texas.

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Descendants of Wilma Blewett

Wilma Blewett married Charles M. Little in Weatherford, August 5, 1925. Children; Elizabeth Little, born Fort Worth, September 17, 1926; Charles M. Little, Jr., born Fort Worth, January 16, 1934; George Edgar Blewett Little, born Fort Worth, April 15, 1944. Now reside in Fort Worth, Texas.

Elizabeth Little on August 11, 1945 married Robert D. Prall. Now reside in Austin, Texas. With heavy heart I record the birth of my first great grandchild, a daughter, was still born on March 10, 1952 and buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Fort Worth, March 12, 1952.

Descendants of Elizabeth Blewett

Elizabeth Blewett married Marion J. Scott, June 1935. Children: Mary Ann Scott, born Fort Worth, April 24, 1936. Divorced Scott. Married Jim Bunnell, resides in San Diego, California.

Descendants of Ralph Cahoon Buckley (Jack)

Ralph Cahoon Buckley married Donita Dobbins (born Stamford, August 29, 1908) in Denton, November 19, 1934. Children: Thomas Edwin Buckley, born Dallas, November 24, 1938; Mary Ann Buckley, born Dallas, August 10, 1940.

Descendants of Ludwell Buckley (Bud)

Ludwell Buckley married Ruth Fleetwood of Hearne, Texas, July 10, 1941; now reside in Dallas. Children: Sarah Ruth, born Dallas, June 6, 1942; Janet Elizabeth, born Dallas, November 3, 1946.

Descendants of George Granville Christal

George Granville (Pedie) Christal married and one daughter born, but further information missing.

Descendants of Emerson K. (Pete) Blewett, Jr.

Dr. Emerson K. Blewett married Evelyn Zillox in New York City; now reside in Austin, Texas. Children: Kathy, born November 19, 1947; Emerson K., Jr.; David.

Descendants of Lucile Blewett

Lucile Beatrice Blewett married Burwell Pope in Austin, August 13, 1938. Children: Sally Bea, born in Austin, August 25, 1939. Now reside in Austin, Texas

Descendants of Avis Norine Blewett

Avis Norine Blewett married Frank Curry. Nancy Curry, unmarried lives in California. Betty Curry was killed in auto wreck, unmarried. Divorced Curry; married Wm. Fletcher. No children.

JOSIAH NAPOLEON (NIP)

Josiah Napoleon (Nip), son of Reverend George L. Blewett and Nancy Harris Blewett, was born in Dallas County, May 14, 1858 and was married to Lavenia (Venie) Skiles in Richardson, Texas. She was born in Warren County, Kentucky in 1858.

J. N. (Nip) Blewett was engaged in the livestock industry in some capacity throughout his entire live, and after residing in Richardson, Texas and Dallas, Texas for several years, he moved to Denton, Texas in about 1892, and later he conducted a meat market for several years in Denton, later selling this and taking a position as livestock agent for the T & P Railway Company and moved to San Antonio,Tex.

The following children were born:

Virgil Franklin, 1885, died in Richardson, Texas, November 1948, not married, served many years as Justice of Peace in Richardson, Texas.

Melvin Harris, born in Richardson in 1887, married Naomi Watson in 1927, and they now reside on a farm about one mile south of Richardson. No children.

Marybelle was born in 1890 in Richardson, Texas and died in 1892 and buried in the Blewett Cemetery near Richardson, Texas.

Charles Henry was born in Richardson, Texas in 1892 and married Alta Harris and they now reside in McKinney, Texas where he is agent for the Magnolia Petroleum Company. No children.

Arthur Chapman was born in Denton in 1894 and married Alma Noack, August 4, 1921, and they now reside in San Antonio, where he is associated with the San Antonio Bus Company. One daughter was born in 1934, but died at birth. They are members of the Lutheran Church.

Alvin D. was born in Denton in 1898 and married to Louise Johnson in 1927. They have two daughters, Louise and Gaile and now reside in Dallas where he is associated with the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

It is worthy of special comment to mention that these four boys served throughout World War I., and although engaged in several major operations none of them suffered any casualties and were awarded honorable discharges after the war.

Virgil, however, was physically disqualified, as he was a cripple from birth.

The only tragedies that I have any knowledge of in connection with our family was in the life of Uncle Nip, and it seems rather singular that he should be the victim of fate's cruelty to such an extent, for early in his life, when he was about 18 years old, while working in his father's gin near Richardson, his right arm and hand were caught in the gin saws and were severely mangled, leaving him a cripple for life. It was said that his hair turned white that night.

While engaged in his work as livestock agent for the Railroad Company, he met a tragic death and so far as I know the only one of my grandfathers to meet such a fate, as he was killed by a train in Barstow, Texas on January 29, 1916.

He was engaged in assisting in loading cattle at the stock pens and in retruning to town, he walked around a string of boxcars on a siding and a fast moving passenger train struck him and hurled his body several feet killing him instantly. An extremely high wind and dust storm doubtless prevented him from hearing or seeing this train.

He was buried in the Blewett Cemetery near Richardson, Texas.

TOM K. BLEWETT

Tom K. Blewett, son of Rev. George L. Blewett & Nancy Harris Blewett, was born in Richardson, Texas, March 1, 1855. Died in Dallas, Texas, October 30, 1923 and buried in Grove Hill Cemetery, Dallas, Texas.

Married Della Gibbons in Richardson, Texas, date unknown. She was born in Livingston County, Missouri, February 25, 1857 and died in Dallas, Texas, November 8, 1928.

Children: Blanche born March 6, 1884

Tom K. Blewett engaged in real estate and insurance business in McKinney, then Decatur and later in Denton and finally Dallas.

BLANCH BLEWETT

Blanch Blewett, daughter of Tom and Della Gibbons Blewwtt, was born in Woodbury, Texas, March 6, 1884 and now resides in Dallas, Texas. For some thirty years she was a teacher in public schools of Denton and Dallas until her retirement. She married James W. Colvin, June 4, 1939. He was born in Crisp, Texas, July 11, 1889, the son of John W.and Anna Gilpin Colvin. Now reside in Dallas. No children.

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CHAPMAN HART BLEWETT
(Written by Mrs. J. M. Harbin, nee Jessie Lou Blewett)

Chapman Hart Blewett (Chap) was born December 25, 1856 near Richardson, Dallas County, Texas on the farm of his parents, Rev. George L. and Nancy Harris Blewett. He died at Richardson, Texas, May 26, 1920 and is buried in the Blewett Cemetery near Richardson, Texas having lived all of his life within a mile of the farm on which his father had settled on coming to Texas in 1854.

He was married to Mattie Corilla Skiles on December 8, 1880. She was the daughter of William (?) and Kezie Norfleet Skiles and was born in Warren County, Kentucky, September 23, 1855, and came to Texas early in 1880 to make her home with her uncle, Thomas A. Skiles. She died September 16, 1907 and is buried in the Blewett Cemetery near Richardson, Texas.

The early part of their married life was spent on the farm one mile north of Richardson, Texas. In 1893 they moved from the farm to a home in Richardson, living there the rest of their lives.

He, with two other friends owned and operated a cotton gin for many years.

Selling this, he and J. E. Prigmore purchased and operated the Richardson Lumber Yard.

During this time he served as Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 2, Dallas County, Texas for many years and during the latter part of his life he was Clerk of the 44th District Court, Dallas, Texas in Judge E. B. Muse's Court.

He was a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church in Richardson for over forty years, always taking an active part in church work and in a quiet, unassuming way performed the duties of a highly cultured Christian gentleman.

Chapman Blewett Issue

John William Blewett - Richardson, April 25, 1882.
A daughter that died at birth.
Jennie Bell Blewett - Richardson, January 31, 1886.
Jessie Lou (Jed) Blewett - Richardson, December 22, 1887.
Josiah Napoleon Blewett - Richardson, born in 1894, died 1894.
Mattie Laura Blewett - born Richardson, June 1, 1896.

John William Blewett and Lillie Huffines, daughter of John and Tarrant Huffines born Richardson, May 20, 1881, married in Dallas, Texas, November 1, 1906. Now reside in Clifton, Texas, where he is owner and manager of Clifton Telephone Exchange. He has long been an elder in Presbyterian Church.

Issue: John William Blewett, Jr. (Billy Jack) born February 17, 1918, served three years in World War II on Guam Island. Frances Idylea Blewett, April 10, 1920.

John William Blewett, Jr. married Maybelle Watterson who was born May 5, 1921 in Dallas, Texas, June 18, 1940. He is a deacon in Presbyterian Church.

Issue: John Charles Blewett, born November 26, 1943 (Chuck). Sherylea (Sherrie) Blewett, born August 7, 1945.

Frances Idylea Blewett married Charles Frederick Clark (Joe) on November 23, 1939. He was born January 14, 1917. Served overseas in War II.
Issue: Charles Wayne born August 7, 1949 in Dallas, Texas.

Descendants of Jennie Belle Blewett.
Jennie Belle Blewett married Herbert Bishop November 21, 1909. He was the son of Isaac and Permelia Bishop who came to Texas from Virginia soon after the Civil War. He was born December 3, 1885. Now residing in Richardson, where he is an elder in the Presbyterian Church.
Issue: Doris Skiles born May 15, 1912. Resides in Richardson. C. H. born September 27, 1914. Resides on a farm near Richardson.

Doris Skiles Bishop married R. L. Johnson who served overseas in War II and is now member of the Christian Church in Richardson.
Issue: Bonnie Jane.

C. H. Bishop married Juanita Sandifer and now reside near Richardson. He is a deacon in the Presbyterian Church.
Issue: Frances Ann Bishop. Katie Jane Bishop.

Descendants of Jessie Lou (Jed) Blewett.
Jessie Lou Bishop married James Moore (Jess) Harben, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Harben, who came from Nashville, Tennessee, February 3, 1910. Member of Presbyterian Church. He was born December 12, 1888. Now residing in Richardson, where he is a druggist.
Issue: Earle Blewett Harben born August 26, 1914, now residing in San Antonio. Raymond Chapman Harben born December 9, 1914. Residing in Beaumont.

Earl Blewett Harben married Johnye Easley who was born September 10, 1917, daughter of Hildred E and Catherine Whitely Easly. Married April 23, 1937. He served 4 years in War II and attained rank of Major. He is a deacon in the Presbyterian Church.
Issue: Harley Jay Harben, born March 23, 1947 in San Antonio. Jerl Le Ray (Jerry), born August 10, 1950 in San Antonio.

Raymond Chapman Blewett married Genice Gruggett in Richardson, March 16, 1940. She was daughter of E. A. Gruggett and wife and was born in Richardson, July 18, 1914. Ray Chapman served 4 years in World War II, attained rank of Major. Now residing in Beaumont where he is a deacon in Presbyterian Church. No Children.

Chapman Hart Blewett, Desc.

Descendants of Mattie Laura Blewett.
Mattie Laura Blewett married Ben C. Jackson, son of C. W. and Eva Crosby Jackson, on July 11, 1917. He was born October 16, 1895. His ancestors came to Texas from Indiana in 1845. Ben served in War I in France, also in War II, attained rank of Major and is now Lt. Col. in reserves. Resides in Garland, Texas. In auto business and elder in Presbyterian Church.
Issue: Gerta Mae Jackson born August 15, 1920. Gerta Mae Jackson and Elmer Newman married September 17, 19---. Resides in Garland. Elmer Newman served in the Navy in War II.
Issue: James Richard born April 24, 1944. Karen born August 12, 1946.

JOHN BLEWETT

John Blewett was the son of Eli K. and Betsy Ann Williams, but no record of his birth or death date or where buried. Suppose he was born in Warren County, Kentucky, although he may have been born in North Carolina before Eli K. came to Kentucky. He married Elizabeth Harris but so far no descendants have given any information. The following children were born: Richard (Dick); Edwin; Bettie Ann; Tobitha; Miriah Jane; Harriett; Ambrose; John Sylvester; William.

Richard Blewett was married before coming to Texas but no further information. He had a son, Will, and when I knew them in 1902 they lived in Gainesville, Texas, where he conducted a feed store and he later died and is buried there. He remarried, however, but I think his second wife's name was McCormick as she had a grown daughter by that name.

His son, Will, was with his father in the feed store and he married a girl from Gordon, Texas. I think her name was Harlan. They both died and are buried in Gainesville, Texas. No issue.

Edwin Blewett lived in Gordon, Texas when I knew the family in 1909, although no further information. He married a Miss Grey who bore him one son, Jim. He remarried Jennie Jameson. No children. He died about 1925 and she died about 1940.

Bettie Ann, no information as to when or where born, married or died. She married John Turner, but no further information about him. Children: Jim; Dock Williams; Ann; Tobitha; Tom Eli; William; Harriet Ann; Mary Elizabeth; no further information about any of them.

Tobitha Blewett, daughter of John and Elizabeth Harris Blewett, married Alphus Perry. No further information.

Miriah Jane, daughter of John and Elizabeth Harris Blewett, married a Mr. Holcomb but no further information. Children; Pearl and Becky.

Harriet Blewett, daughter of John and Elizabeth Harris Blewett, married Castillon Hopkins but no further information. I had the pleasure of meeting this lady while she was in Gordon, Texas in about 1910 at which time I think she was a widow. Children: Charles; Alphonse; Mattie.

Ambrose, son of John and Elizabeth Harris Blewett, married but name unknown. Children; Claude; Maggie; Amy; Irma. No further information.

John Sylvester, son of John and Elizabeth Harris Blewett, married Ida Stuart. I also knew this good man when he lived in Gordon, Texas and he was crippled but managed to work daily. He died about 1920 and is buried in Gordon. Children; John William; Maude.

Maude married Will Clark but no further information. William,as he was called, married Lucy Stubblefield and operated a drug store in Gordon, but his tender heart caused him to suffer heavy losses as he could not collect only a small part of his accounts. I visited in their home often and found them to be lovely genteel people. He later moved to Waco, Texas and then to Dallas and was operating a drug store in Garland and in returning to his home the night of October 4, 1946 was killed suddenly in an auto accident. His widow now resides in Waco with her daughter, Mrs. Denton Henry. Children: Mildren; Louise; Jayne B.

Mildren Louise married W. Glenn Sanders and died July 31, 1942. Jayne B. married Denton L. Henry and now reside in Waco.

BETSY ANN BLEWETT

Betsy Ann Blewett, daughter of Eli K. and Betsy Ann Williams, was born in Warren County, Kentucky, but no dates given. She married John Turner but don't know if he was related to Becca's husband or not, as have no information as to dates or any history of him. Children: Jim; Dock Williams; Sarah Ann; Tobitha; Tom Eli; William; Harriet Ann and Mary Elizabeth. No further information obtained, but it would seem that there must be descendants of this large family still living, but I have found nothing from any of them.

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HARRIET BLEWETT

Harriet Blewett, daughter of Eli K. and Betsy Ann Williams Blewett, was born in Warren County, Kentucky, but no further information as to dates.

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TOBITHA BLEWETT

Nothing is found on this young lady, daughter of Eli K. and Betsy Ann Williams Blewett, but she was born in Warren County and that is all we know and we have no record of her marriage. She may have died before marriage. It strikes me as most unusual when you find so many Tobithas listed in these descendants as it is a most unusual name, and I am unable to account for so many duplications or explain its popularity.

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CASH BLEWETT

Cash Blewett, son of Eli K. and Betsy Ann Williams Blewett, married Peggy Wood but no further information obtained. Children: Kit; Eli; Harriet Ann; Sallie; John.

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TURNER BLEWETT

Turner Blewett was the son of Eli K. and Betsy Ann Williams Blewett. Born in Warren County, Kentucky. He died unmarried age 21 years. No further information.

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BECCA BLEWETT

Becca Blewett was the daughter of Eli K. and Betsy Ann Williams Blewett, born in Warren County, Kentucky, but no further information as to her birth or death date or marriage date. She married Tom Tucker, no further information given on him. Children: one child, Perry Turner. Becca then married Marshall Wantley but no dates given. Nothing on him. Children: Marshall and Sirus. No further information.

EDWARD W. BLEWETT, The First.
A family record compiled by his grandson, John Blewett of Dallas, Texas, August 1954.

Edward W. Blewett, son of Eli K and Betsy Ann Williams Blewett was born in North Carolina about 1797 as the census of Kentucky 1850 shows him to be 53 years old at that time. He married Lucy Leeton (or perhaps the name was Leaton) October 24, 1819. He died soon after the close of the Civil War but exact date unknown. He and his wife were both buried on the old homestead which is located about three miles from the Old Zion Cemetery near Woodburn, Kentucky.

The old home was a large two story log house where he raised his family but the house has since been torn down.

Large vaults were built over their graves and many other Blewetts are buried in this family cemetery.

He owned several slaves at the close of the war and many of them remained with him after they were freed. They had quarters near the home place. I believe that he owned part if not all of the farm that Eli K Blewett, his father, operated during his lifetime.

He also owned and operated a large tobacco auction house as tobacco was the main money crop in that section as it is now.

To Edward W. Blewett and his wife, Lucy Leeton Blewett the following were born, but not in the order named: Ben; Teent; Tom; Howard; Tobitha; Lucy; Susan.

HOWARD M. BLEWETT: Son of Edward Blewett, born in 1840 in Warren County, Kentucky. He died in the Old Soldiers Confederate Home near Lewisville, Kentucky in 1921 at the age of 81 years and was buried in the Old McElwain Family Cemetery, by the side of his first wife. The Cemetery is in Simpson County near Franklin, Kentucky. He was the youngest son of Edward Blewett. Howard M. Blewett served four years in the Confederate Army as a private, some of his close kin from Warren County served in the Union Army. He was married two times. His first marriage was to Elizabeth "Betty" V. Mc Elwain of Simpson County, Kentucky. She was born February 13, 1843 and died June 12, 1880. She was buried in the Old McElwain Family Cemetery near Franklin, Kentucky - no further record.

Note:-Marking on Tombstone:
Elizabeth V. Blewett, wife of H. M. Blewett born February 13, 1843, died June 12, 1880

First marriage children: (Three)
Alice; Will H; Zena F.

Second marriage to Sarah Ann Hutchison, my Mother, of Lafayette County, Tennessee. She was born June 18, 1858, died December 16, 1937 in Dallas, Texas and buried in the Hutchins Cemetery, Hutchins, Texas.

Second marriage children: (Seven)
Virgel M; Edward B; Lucy Cathren; Bertha Ann; Callie P; Omar L. and John.

ALICE BLEWETT: Daughter of Howard M. Blewett, born in 1866 near Woodburn, Simpson County, Kentucky and married Willis Thomas of Simpson County and they had four children as follows; Lassie; Ellis; Hubert Moss and May.

LASSIE THOMAS: Daughter of Willis Thomas, married Will Hullett and they now live in Illinois. She is about 56 years old (1954). They had one child, Oscar Hullett - no further record.

ELLIA THOMAS: Daughter of Willis Thomas, married Jake Hayes and they now live in

Bowling Green, Kentucky. Ellis is now about 54 years old (1954). They had four children - No further record.

HUBERT MOSS THOMAS; Son of Willis Thomas, born November 11, 1902 and now lives in Trammel, Route 1, Kentucky in Allen County, married Frances Lambert of Illinois-now separated as of 1954.

Children and approximate ages as of this date: Dale F. Thomas, age 28 years in 1954, Florence Thomas, age 26, 1954, Delbert Gene Thomas, age 24, 1954, Shirley Thomas, age 19, 1954, Velma Thomas, age 13, 1954, Allen Thomas, age 12, 1954, Lendora Thomas, age 9, 1954 and Windle Dean Thomas, age 7 in 1954.

MAY THOMAS: Daughter of Willis and Alice Thomas, married - husband's name not known. She had five children unable to obtain names. May died about 1947 at the age of 43 years. No further information on Alice "Blewett" Thomas or her family obtainable.

WILL H. BLEWETT: Son of Howard M. Blewett, born December 9, 1870 near Woodburn, Simpson County, Kentucky, died April 29, 1935 near Franklin and buried in the Franklin Cemetery in Franklin, Kentucky. His mother, "Betty" Elizabeth "McElwain" Blewett, died June 12, 1880 when he was 9 years old. Will H. Blewett married Oma Cushenberry of Simpson County, Kentucky when he was 33 years old. Oma was 25 years old. Oma died the first part of 1954 and was buried by the side of her husband, Will H. Blewett. Six Children: Margaret Elizabeth; Thomas Howard; John Will; Merry Ellen; Elsie Louise; James Alvis.

MARGARET ELIZABETH: Daughter of Will H. Blewett. Margaret Elizabeth Blewett was the oldest child and has never married. She now lives with her brother, John Will Blewett, near Franklin, Kentucky. Margaret Elizabeth was born July 11, 1909 near Franklin, Simpson County, Kentucky.

JOHN WILL BLEWETT: Son of Will H. Blewett, born September 26, 1914 in Simpson County, Kentucky and married Gladys Erline Holcomb of Simpson County - They now live on his father's old home place "farm" near Franklin, Kentucky. Children: Joe Willis, born October 9, 1937; Jimmie Carl, born November 12, 1940; Jessie Lee, born November 18, 1942; Peggy Erline, born September 13, 1944; Sylvia Sue, born January 9, 1948, and Becky Jane, born October 30, 1950.

MARY ELLEN BLEWETT: Daughter of Will H. Blewett, born October 10, 1916 in Simpson County, Kentucky and married Cordell H. Gann of Macon County, Tennessee and now lives in Simpson County, Kentucky. Children: Linda Jeanette, born January 1941; Jackie Ray, born March, 1943; Brenda Sue, born November, 1950.

ELSIE LOUISE BLEWETT: Daughter of Will H. Blewett, born September 13, 1917 in Simpson County, Kentucky and married Chester T. Ragar of Simpson County. They now live near Franklin, Kentucky. Children: Joe Howard, born in 1938; Mary Ann, born in 1941; David Glenn, born in 1946; Robert Wayne, born in 1944; Jerry Dean, born in 1949 and Don Neal, born in 1953.

JAMES ALVIS BLEWETT: Son of Will H. Blewett, born January 15, 1920 in Simpson County, Kentucky and died January 16, 1920 when one day old. He was buried at Sulphur Spring Cemetery.

THOMAS HOWARD BLEWETT: Son of Will H. Blewett, born February, 1912 in Simpson County, Kentucky and died September 6, 1912 when he was about seven months old.

ZENA F. BLEWETT: Daughter of Howard M. Blewett, born December 14, 1897, died October 5, 1886 and buried by the side of her mother Elizabeth "Betty" Blewett in the old McElwain Cemetery near Franklin, Kentucky.

VIRGEL M. BLEWETT: Son of Howard M. Blewett, born December 12, 1881 near Woodburn, Simpson County, Kentucky. Died September 17, 1938 in Dallas, Texas and was buried by the side of his mother in the Hutchins Cemetery, Hutchins, Texas. As a young man he was a farmer in Warren County, Kentucky, near Boyce, Kentucky. He came to Dallas in 1913. He was in the Ice Delivery Business and he also operated a grocery store and a show repair shop. He married Marie Belle Morgan of Boyce, Warren County, Kentucky in 1904. She died in Dallas and was buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Dallas. Virgel was married twice. First marriage - Children: Alfa Vera.

Virgel M. Blewett's second marriage was to Jennie Ann Hughes of Dallas, who died in Dallas County in 1939. Second marriage children - Lilly Cathrine and Roberta Ann.

ALFA VERA BLEWETT-Daughter of V. M. Blewett was born in 1906 near Boyce, Warren County, Kentucky and now lives in Dallas. She had been married two times. First marriage was to Robert Union Bishop of Dallas, Texas. First marriage children of Alfa Vera Blewett Bishop - Walter Howard.

Second marriage to John W. Bevers of Dallas, Texas. No children by this marriage.

LILLY CATHRINE BLEWETT:-Daughter of V. M. Blewett was born in Dallas in 1932 and now lives in Dallas. Married J. W. O'Neil and now live in Dallas.

ROBERTA ANN BLEWETT:-Daughter of V. M. Blewett. Born 1934 in Dallas and now lives in Dallas. Married William E. Fields and they are now living in Dallas.

WALTER HOWARD BISHOP:-Son of Alfa Vera "Blewett" Bishop. Born in 1934 in Dallas, Texas and now lives in Dallas, Texas. Has been married two times. First marriage to Elnore Collingsworth. No children. Second marriage to Lela Bearden of Dallas. They are now living in Dallas. No children.

EDWARD BRIGGS BLEWETT:-Son of Howard M. Blewett. Born June 13, 1882 near Woodburn, Simpson County, Kentucky. Died March 22, 1945 in Dallas, Texas and was buried by the side of his first wife in the Hutchins Cemetery, Hutchins, Texas. First marriage children: - Jewell; Althea Mae; Olen Briggs; Edward Gervis; Fred; Elma. No record of second and third marriages and no children by either marriage.

JEWELL ESTELL BLEWETT:-Daughter of Edward B. Blewett. Born about 1907 in Hutchins, Texas and married Bud Hubert Cotton of Dallas and they are now living in Thibadeaux, Louisiana. No children.

ALTHEA MAE BLEWETT:-Daughter of Edward B. Blewett. Born----------in Dallas County and married Carley Edger Ballard of Dallas. They now live in Dallas. Children; Carley Edger, Jr., and Donald Richard.

OLEN BRIGGS BLEWETT:-Son of Edward B. Blewett. Born August 23, 1912 in Dallas, Texas and died March 12, 1934 and buried by the side of his mother in the Hutchins Cemetery, Hutchins, Texas. He never married and was sick most of his life.

EDWARD GERVIS BLEWETT:-Son of Edward B. Blewett. Born July 23, 1914 in Dallas County and died March 31, 1947 and buried by the side of his mother and father in the Hutchins Cemetery, Hutchins, Texas. He was not married and was sick most of his life.

FREDERICK FILBERT BLEWETT:-Son of Edward B. Blewett. Born November 19, 1916 in Dallas, County. Married Dorothy Ruth Henderson of Smith's Ferry, Pa. They now live in Irving, Texas. Children - Rebecca Elayne.

ELMA BLEWETT:-Daughter of Edward B. Blewett. Born February 27, 1918 in Dallas County and married Clyde Relyea Southerland of Lancaster, Texas. They now live in Dallas. Children-Raylene.

CORLEY E. BALLARD, JR.:-Son of Althea Mae "Blewett" Ballard. Born -------- in Dallas County. Married ----------. Children - Carla and Richard.

LUCY CATHERN BLEWETT: - Daughter of Howard M. Blewett, born 1885 near Woodburn, Simpson County, Kentucky. She married Alveris Newmin Morgan of Boyce, Warren County, Kentucky in 1903 and they came to Dallas in 1907 and have lived in Dallas since that time. Children - Clora Mable and Bessie Ula.

CLORA MABLE MORGAN:-Daughter of Lucy C. "Blewett" Morgan. Born 1908 in Dallas and married Lolas J. Smith of Dallas. They are now living in Dallas. Children - Martha Jean.

BESSIE U. MORGAN:-Daughter of Lucy C. "Blewett" Morgan. Born-------Dallas, Texas Married Cletus Beaupre of Dallas, Texas. Cletus Beaupre died in 1945 or 46 after a few months illness. Bessie Beaupre and her son live in Dallas. Son - Howard Joseph.

MARTHA JEAN SMITH:-Daughter of Clora M. Morgan Smith. Born---------Dallas County and married Marshall Williams of Dallas. They now live in Dallas. Children - Shirley and Marshall, Jr.

BERTHA ANN BLEWETT:-Daughter of Howard M. Blewett. Born January 14, 1891 near Temperance, Simpson County, Kentucky and came to Texas in January 1907 with her parents who settled near Hutchins, Texas. She married Dillard Andrew Todd of Hutchins and they have lived near Hutchins ever since. Children - Odise J; Lola Mae; Arthur C; Allie Marie; Norma Maxine.

ODISE J. TODD:- Son of Bertha Ann "Blewett" Todd. Born Sept. 13, 1908 near Hutchins, Dallas County. He married Elizabeth Hedgecoxe of Plano, Texas and they now live in Plano. He served one term as Mayor of Plano. He is red headed. Children: Nona Ann.

LOLA MAE TODD:- Daughter of Bertha Ann "Blewett" Todd. Born November 1, 1909 near Hutchins, Dallas County. She married Jack G. Glascock of Dallas and they now live near Hutchins, Texas. Children: Billy Jack.

ARTHUR C. TODD:- Son of Bertha Ann "Blewett" Todd. Born August 28, 1811 near Hutchins, Dallas County. He married Maude Louise Miller of Dallas. They now live in Altus, Oklahoma. He is a red head. They have no children.

ALLIE MARIE TODD:- Daughter of Bertha Ann "Blewett" T odd. Born October 22, 1913 near Hutchins, Texas, Dallas County. She married Warren Edwin Mussina of Dallas. They now live in Galveston, Texas. She is red headed. Children - Beverly Ann.

NORMA MAXINE TODD:- Duaghter of Bertha Ann "Blewett" Todd. Born January 19, 1931 near Hutchins, Dallas County. She is single and living with her parents near Hutchins.

BILLY JACK GLASCOCK:- Son of Lola Mae "Blewett" Glascock. Born March 29, 1932 in Dallas County. He married Roseann Sparkman of Dallas and they are now living in Dallas. Children - Ann Denice.

CALLIE POLAND BLEWETT:- Son of Howard M. Blewett. Born October 12, 1893 near Temperance, Warren County, Kentucky. He died September 6, 1932 and was buried in Grove Hill Cemetery on East Pike Rd., Dallas, Texas. Callie came to Dallas with his mother and two brothers, Omer and John in 1913. Callie had red hair. He entered the ice business soon after he came to Dallas and was still in the ice business at the time of his death. He married Lottie Mae Williams of Dallas in March 1923.. Children - Anna May and Doris Fay.

ANNA BAY BLEWETT:- Daughter of Callie P. Blewett. Born February 4, 1924 in Dallas. She married Vernon Elvin Souza of Gustine, California, and they are now living in Gustine. Children - Vernon, Clinton and Mary Ann.

DORIS FAY BLEWETT:- Daughter of Callie P. Blewett. Born March 10, 1926 in Dallas. She married Jessie Bud Hrabel of Dallas and they now live in Dallas. She is red headed. Children - Truman Lee, Cliford Ray, Gary Stevens.

OMER L. BLEWETT:- Son of Howard M. Blewett. Born February 5, 1897 near Temperance, Warren County, Kentucky. He died in Dallas, Texas on January 4, 1916 and was buried in The Hutchins Cemetery, Hutchins, Texas. Omer came to Dallas with his mother and two brothers, Callie and John, in January 1913. His death was due to a motorcycle accident on Chalk Hill, Highway 80, near Dallas.

JOHN BLEWETT:- (Myself) - Son of Howard M. Blewett. Born November 5, 1900 near Temperance, Warren County, Kentucky. I first came to Texas with my family in January 1907 and settled near Hutchins, Texas, where we remained until early 1910 then we returned to Kentucky and settled on a farm near Trammel, Allen County and remained there until early January 1913, when my mother and two brothers, Callie and Omer, returned to Texas and settled in Dallas. I started to work for the Murray Company (Mfg. of Cotton Gin Machinery) on Canton St., Dallas on January 11, 1913 and remained with the Murray Company until December 31, 1950. I married Lorinda Ida Cummins in Dallas on March 24, 1928. She was born in Winchester, Indiana. We now live in Dallas. Children - Frances Gaynelle.

FRANCES GAYNELLE BLEWETT:- Daughter of John Blewett. Born January 14, 1934 in Dallas, Texas and is at this time a Senior in Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas

OLD ZION CEMETERY AND BAPTIST CHURCH

Located in the Southern part of Warren County, near Woodburn, Kentucky. I, John Blewett, with my family, made a trip to Simpson and Warren Counties, Kentucky, last August 1953. We went to the above Cemetery and Church. While there we made note of all of the tombstones on Blewett graves. They are as follows:-

1. Eli Blewett -- Born March 15, 1775, Died March 8, 1837.
Tombstone erected by grandchildren.
Note:- It is assumed that this is the Eli K. Blewett, son of William Blewett who came over from England in 1746.

2. Betty Ann Blewett -- Born October 9, 1776, Died August 25, 1867.
Note:- It is assumed that this is Betty Ann Williams Blewett, wife of Eli K. Blewett.

3. Thomas H. Blewett -- Born October 23, 1792, Died May 1818.

4. Susannah Blewett -- Born February 13, 1798, Died January 22, 1885, wife of Thomas H. Blewett.

5. Eli Harris Blewett -- Born December 16, 1819, Died June 22, 1906 at the age of 86 years, 6 months, 6 days.
Note:- The above is the Grandfather of Joseph H. Blewett -- 506 W. Cedar Street, Franklin, Kentucky. J. H. Blewett is Cashier of Simpson County Bank, Franklin. He is about 45 years old. He personally gave me this information.

6. Eli Harris Blewett -- Born 1869, Died 1930.
He is the son of Eli H. Blewett, Born December 16, 1819 and the father of Joseph H. Blewett.

7. Tobitha M. Blewett -- Born September 22, 1829, Died August 24, 1900.
The above was the wife of Eli H. Blewett -- They were married on January 20, 1846. (Information on tombstone.)

8. Thomas Hill Blewett -- Born December 11, 1827, Died October 11, 1907.

9. Susan A. Phillips Blewett -- Born May 18, 1829, Died July 12, 1907.

10. Elizabeth Ann Blewett -- Daughter of Thomas H. and Suzanne Blewett. Born August 5, 1821, Died November 23, 1833.

11. Mattie K. Blewett -- Wife of H. C. Blewett, Born May 4, 1847, Died March 13, 1869. 22 years, 9 months, 12 days.

12. Rebecca J. Blewett -- Born December 29, 1861, Died April 6, 1944.

13. Licurgus Blewett -- Son of H. C. and M. T. Blewett, Born March 10, 1873, Died April 25, 1874.

The following names appeared on most of the tombstones in OLD ZIONS CEMETERY:- Blewett, Downey, Morris, Turner, Moore, Young, Stahl.

Notes:-Made in Franklin Cemetery, Franklin, Kentucky, August 1, 1953 of names on all tombstones in Family lot. (Note names with "e" and without "e".
John S. Blewette -- Born April 18, 1847, Died March 28, 1933.
Edith Joel Blewette -- Born 1881, died 1884.
Edney Blewette -- Born 1881, died 1878.
Ola Blewette -- Born 1877, died 1878.
Joel Blewett -- Born September 4, 1867, died September 17, 1876.
Guy M. Blewett -- Born 1884, died 1944.
Lizzie M. Blewett -- Born 1873, died 1952.

I asked some of the Blewetts in Franklin about the above names with "e" and without "e", and was told that "Edith Joel Blewett" added the "e" to her name and insisted

that all of her family do the same. First - she thought adding the "e" made the name look prettier - Then too, she contended, that the Blewett name was of French origin, and by adding the "e" it would make the name look and sound like French names. All of her family followed her insistance inasmuch as she was a school teacher, and added the letter "e" to their names, but after she passed on the remaining members of her family dropped the "e" from their name.

THOMAS HILL BLEWETT, SENIOR

Thomas Hill Blewett, Senior was the son of Edward W. and Lucy Leeton Blewett, hence, uncle of that illustrious, Dr. Ben T. Blewett. He was born near Bowling Green, Kentucky in 1824. Married Sarah C. Truitt of Warren County, Kentucky and they settled in Marshall County, Kentucky. He was a successful farmer and tobacco buyer. Children; Tom Hill, Jr.; Dora; Lucy; and Ida.

Dora married Kykendall; Lucy married Will Nance but no further information. Ida married Joe H. Little to whom children were born; Tom; Hardy; Ruby and Blewett Little. (This referred to in my chapter "Fiction and Fact")

THOMAS HILL BLEWETT, 2ND.

Thomas Hill Blewett, 2nd was the son of Thomas Hill Blewett, Sr. and grandson of Edward & Lucy Leeton Blewett, born in Palma, Kentucky in 1869 and died in Bonham, Texas in 1933. He married Sallie Dick Saunders in 1898. He operated a furniture store in Bonham, Texas, and while I was traveling over Texas about 1910 I called on him frequently and also recall meeting his wife and children. The following children were born: Lorena, who died aged 12 years; Thomas Carleton died age 4 years; Joe Ben, who married Nelwyn Slater, and now resides in Shreveport, Louisiana. Four Children, Joan, Robert, Winston, Barbara and James; Elizabeth Blewett married B. B. McGinty in 1931. Resides in Crockett, Texas. Children: Sarah Pat; Madie Elizabeth.

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Thomas Hill William Blewett born December 11, 1827, died October 11, 1907. Married Susan Phillip born May 8, 1929, died July 12, 1907; married March 1, 1849.

Issue: Susannah Elizabeth born December 4, 1849, married Morris, died August 14, 1916.
Eliza Catherine, born March 8, 1851, married Turner, died June 16, 1896.
Victoria Stevens, born July 25, 1853, married Nicoll, death unknown.
James Thomas, born July 11, 1858, died April 17, 1941.
Mahala Margaret, born April 10, 1860, married Ragland, died March 6,1893.
Rebecca Josephine, born December 29, 1861

James Thomas Blewett, born July 11, 1858, died April 17, 1941 married Victoria Travelsted (?) September 2, 1884.

Issue: Arline Blewett, born September 26, 1893, now resides in Tampa, Florida. Married Walter H. Roark, November 6, 1917.
French L. Blewett, born June 30, 1890, died August 8, 1914.

BEN T. BLEWETT FAMILY
or
THE BLEWETTS OF ST. LOUIS

Among the most prominent families of our ancestors is the Ben T. Blewett family of St. Louis, Missouri, and I only wish I had more information to give you regarding these fine people. To my mind it is one of the tragedies of our clan that this family has become entirely extinct.

Shortly after we moved to Denton in 1890, when I was merely an eight or ten year old barefoot boy, a very dignified, scholarly gentleman was brought to our home one evening by my father, who introduced him as, Cousin Ben Blewett of St. Louis, Missouri, and later on, my oldest sister attended his school in St. Louis and he and my father became very intimate, although he was about 20 years older than my father.

On many occasions in years later he visited in our home and when we would take cattle to the St. Louis market we would always spend a few days in their home.

Ben T. Blewett, Sr., his wife and his son, Ben Blewett, Jr. and the two daughters, Miss Lucy and Miss Avis, conducted a high-class ladies' seminary at Jennings, Missouri, which at that time was a suburb of St. Louis. Another son, Scott Blewett, was manager of the St. Charles Wheel Foundry Company.

A more lovable family could never be found than these St. Louis Blewetts and, since Scott and Ben, Jr. both married late in life, they had no children, hence left no descendants. The two ladies, Miss Avis and Miss Lucy, never married. This family were extremely devoted to each other.

Ben T. Blewett was the son of Edward and Lucy Leeton (Leaton) Blewett, grandson of Eli K. and Betsy Ann Williams Blewett and by perseverance and determination overcame what seemed insurmountable obstacles and obtained an education by great sacrifices, as his parents were of a very limited means. He later obtained the degree of Doctor of Divinity. He was a devoted Baptist and ardent worker in that church.

The following information is copied from the National Cyclopedia of American Biography:

BLEWETT, BENJ. T. --Educator, born Warren County, Kentucky, September 17, 1820. His early life spent alternately on a farm and at school until his 13th year. When 18 admitted to the school of Josiah Pillsbury and prepared for college. He bacame a Baptist two years after, and having decided to preach determined to have a good collegiate education. Entered Georgetown College, August 1841 as a freshman. Not having sufficient means to carry him through college he went to the academy connected with the college as principal at a salary of $350.00 a year; he kept it for two years. Then again attended college, graduated in 1846. In 1848 he married. In January, 1853, he resigned the position he had held in the academy and after his graduation removed to Russellville and took charge of Bethel High School. He was given the management of the enterprise. The school house was not completed and the control of it was put in his hands. After a year of incessant toil the building was finished, furnished and finally dedicated to learning and religion, January 3, 1854. At first came discouragements and disappointments, but the High School prospered. Mr. Blewett now decided to supply and felt want of a Baptist College in Southern Kentucky and with the consent of the trustees obtained a new charter and the Bethel High School was transformed into Bethel College; Mr. Blewett as principal of the High School, becoming president of the latter. The college continued to prosper until the war, when it closed temporarily. After this President Blewett resigned in 1861, seeking another field of labor. Upon leaving Russellville he took charge of Braken Academy, Augusta, Kentucky, spending ten years, and successfully conducted a first-class school. In 1870 he assumed charge of a young ladies academy in St. Louis, Missouri. This school built up under the auspices of the Baptists had become embarrassed with debt. After purchasing it, President Blewett conducted a number of years as a first-class seminary. It was finally closed in 1900. Throughout his active career, he ranked among the foremost educators in Southern Kentucky, but his most notable work was the founding of Bethel College. From it he received the degree of LL.D. Dr. Blewett was married to Avis W. Hedge of Vassalboro, Maine. They were the parents of two sons, Scott H. and Benjamin Blewett, 2nd, the latter Superintendent of Public Schools of St. Louis until his death; also two daughters, Lucy and Avis Blewett. After his retirement, Dr. Blewett resided at Jennings, Missouri, where he died Nov. 1, 1914.

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As the above shows, Cousin Ben Blewett, when he visited in our home in Denton, was about seventy years old. He was rather small and thin, weighing probably one-hundred and fifty pounds, about 5'8" tall, but very dignified and cultured. He was also very sensitive and meticulous in his dress and appearance but was the only person that I ever saw who wore a wig, as he had a heavy suit of iron-gray hair that after he left our father told us that it was a wig.

His son, Scott H., the oldest child, was about 6'2" tall and very thin, while Dr. Ben Jr. was about 5'10" and portly, weighing probably two-hundred pounds.

Cousin Lucy, as we called her, was also stout, while Cousin Avis was rather small and thin.

Their home and school was located on a large tract of land covered with beautiful, large trees and heavy grass. The buildings were situated on a small knoll with beautiful shrubbery and flowers, all of which were well kept and very beautiful. Their home was spacious and well appointed with all the comforts known in that day, and I shall ever treasure the privileges of visiting these refined people, as it was indeed a pleasure that proved to be beneficial.

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The biography of Ben Blewett, Jr. is taken from a clipping from the St. Louis Globe Democrat of January 27, 1917, and written as an obituary on his death, which occured while he was making an address before the National Congress on Constructive Patriotism in Washington, D. C.:-

BEN BLEWETT.-Born Russellville, Kentucky, February 25, 1856 and had spent more than 40 years with the schools of St. Louis. He was prepared for college at Augusta, Kentucky and came to St. Louis to attend Washington University. He was graduated with the degree of A.B. in 1876 and 1877, then a year in Elleardville School, and was promoted principal in Lowell School. Subsequently he was principal of the Humbolt, Carr Lane, Divol and Stoddard Schools. In 1897 he was made Assisstant Superintendant of Instruction and on Solden's death in 1908, he was made Superintendent.

Blewett was a consistent, earnest hard worker in his efforts to make the public school system of the city attain a standard of efficiency second to none in the world, and he surrounded himself with a staff of exports of like ideals and methods. He was an enthusiastic advocate of the compulsory attendance system and sponsored the opening of the school to children of 5 years, instead of 6, on the ground that so many children were compelled to quit school at 14, it was desirable their education begin earlier.

He fostered the system of night schools for aliens, where aspiring citizens are taught the blessings of the methods of the government they have adopted. But perhaps his crowning achievement of his career was his success in obtaining the issuance of $3,000,000 bonds for the construction and maintenance of schools. Blewett worked night and day on this campaign, even foregoing a vacation to continue his work. It is believed this campaign maybe had a serious but unsuspected effect on his health.

In 1907 Blewett married Miss Jessie H. Parsons, a school teacher of Riverside, Missouri, whose parents were among the wealthiest in Jefferson County, owning large lead mining properties. The couple had no children. After his wife's death Blewett donated to the Board of Education $50,000 to be used as the basis for a further relief of teachers as a memorial to his wife and her parents.

Blewett had served at various times as Secretary of the St. Louis Society of Pedagogy, Director of the Missouri National Educators Association, President of the Missouri State Teachers Association, Director of the District School Board, St. Louis County; President of the Board of Directors of the Missouri School for the Blind. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Mercantile and City Clubs.

In view of Blewett's splendid career as head of the St. Louis Public School system, friends suggested that the new high school erected at Kings High and San Francisco Avenue be named in his honor.

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I have before me a history and report of the Board of Trustees of the St. Louis Public School Foundation for the Relief of Distress and the Advancement of Professional Training:-

Official Report of Board of Education -- Ben Blewett -1856-1917.

On Friday, January 26, the telegraph brought to St. Louis the sad news of the sudden death of Dr. Ben Blewett, the Superintendent of the Public Schools of St. Louis.

The end came while he delivered an address before the National Congress on Constructive Patriotism in Washington, D. C.

His last moments were, as his whole life, given to the furtherance of the cause

of education. His last utterance was tribute to the teachers of America.

At a meeting of the Board of Education they decided that the schools should be closed on the day of the funeral and that the flags on all school houses should hang at half mast for one month.

On January 31 the remains of Dr. Blewett were borne to their last resting place at Bonne Terre, Missouri, and laid by the side of his wife who preceded him in death five years ago.

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The Jessie Parsons-Blewett fund is a memorial to her and her parents, Charles Bunyan Parsons and Jane Elizabeth Parsons. The Ben Blewett fund, from a very modest beginning in 1916, now has total assets of about two and a half million dollars.

GENEALOGY OF GARLAND JEFFERSON BLEWETT.

Furnished by Mrs. J. I. Beck (nee Mary B. Blewett) of 551 Lewis, Pomona, California, taken from her old family Bible.

Garland Jefferson Blewett, son of Eli K. Blewett and Betsy Ann Williams Blewett, was born in Warren County, Kentucky, July 6, 1801. Died Lexington, Missouri, March 1884. Married Elizabeth G. Mitchell, November 10, 1822. She was born February 8, 1804, and died July, 1870. Children: - William H, born September 28, 1823; Charles Eli, born June 10, 1825; Ann Elizabeth, born August 12, 1827, died November 1, 1828; James H., born August 5, 1829; Albert E., born March 16, 1831; Ann Elizabeth (2nd), born March 15, 1833, died July 26, 1834; Alexander C., born January 9, 1835, died California, July 2, 1898; Garland J., Jr., born April 17, 1837; Edward M., born May 4, 1839, killed in battle Civil war near Corinth, Miss., October 3, 1862, CSA.;Mollie J., born December 30, 1840; Sarah M., born February 16, 1843; Fannie, born October 2, 1862.

Elizabeth Grider Mitchell was the daughter of Charles and Ann Grider Mitchell who were both born and reared in Warren County, Kentucky. After Charles Mitchell's death, she married a man named Boon and reared a family of seventeen children (You wouldn't call that a "boon" in this day and time, now would you, ladies? GEB) Her father, Harry Grider, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He was of Dutch origin and immigrated to Kentucky from Virginia.

Garland J. Blewett was one of the leading attorneys of Bowling Green and also served in the State Legislature. He was a most colorful character of very pronounced views and opinions which often caused him much trouble and embarrassment. He was a strong Union man. He possessed a great deal of wealth as well as prestige and influence. After his wife died in 1870 he moved to Lexington, Missouri.

Your especial attention is invited to the death of his son, Edward M., who was killed in the battle of Corinth, Miss., October 3, 1862, for he was fighting on the Confederate or Southern side (This was verified by a report made to me by the War Department under date of July 11, 1951. The record shows that one Edward M. Blewett, 2nd Lieutenant, Company B, 6th Regiment Mo. Infantry, Confederate States Army, entered the service 31st January, 1862 in Layfayette Co., Mo., age 24. He was killed in battle of Corinth, Miss., October 3, 1862.)

Garland J. Blewett was noted as a profound thinker, a man who had a very serious conception of life and an obsession for education. The many letters he wrote his

children constantly urged them to never cease in their efforts and determination to obtain an education and to equip themselves to fulfill their spiritual and moral obligations.

JUDGE CHARLES ELI BLEWETT

Charles Eli Blewett was born in Warren County, Kentucky, June 10, 1825, the son of Garland J. Blewett, Sr., and Elizabeth Mitchell Blewett and died in California, April 10, 1902.

He was married first on April 10, 1848, to Adeline Jones, who was born February 13, 1818, but her death date and burial are unknown.

Children from this union were Fannie Bell, October 2, 1862, who died in California in 1948 and a son who died at birth.

Fannie Bell married Tom Roup in Kansas, but no further information is given. Their issue was Lynne E. Roup, born November 2, 1896, died January 7, 1897.

Charles Eli's second marriage, December 6, 1875, was to Martha Carolina Jones (no relation to first wife,) who was born unknown date, died August 9, 1915.

Children: Addie E., born February 13, 1878, died 1948, January 3; Charles Eli, Jr., born February 17, 1879, died 1947; Mary R., born February 29, 1880, living in Pomona, California; Grover C., born March 18, 1882, died August 24, 1943; Bessie B., born March 14, 1883; Mattie M., born May 23, 1884; Mabel, born May 21, 1886; Virgil, born December 21, 1887, killed November 8, 1929; Theo, born September 6, 1889, died December 3, 1892; Dorinda, born March 21, 1896, died July 31, 1904.

In addition to the information concerning the descendants of Garland J. Blewett, Sr., Mrs. Beck, or Cousin Mary, as I am proud to call her, has also furnished me with a great deal of genealogy that is most interesting, as I have not been able to obtain it elsewhere.-

Pomona, California
May 22, 1951

Dear Cousin:

I do hope you can read and put the right papers together. I would start to write them some one wanted me to do something or was asking questions and I made so many mistakes and just could not write all of them over again so cut off one I didn't get right and that is why I have so many little clippings. Hope you can make sense out of them.

I have been nearly two weeks on these. My sister Mattie got some of the same papers from you. There are just the three sisters left out of a family of ten. My father said everyone that spelled their name Blewett were kin. He said he was Scotch Irish. I hope you can fit these in with your names. It has been so long since my father died and I have forgotten quite a bit he told me. I am the oldest one living, was 71 in February. If you get this completed would like a copy. Will close wishing you success.

Mary R. Beck.

I am sending some clippings out of the Los Angeles papers, some I have had since 1930, and this Marilyn Jean Blewett came out of our local paper this spring, and I think she is the daughter of the James J. Blewett. My brother, Virgil, knows these boys, James and Bill, and I think they were a father and uncle of the girl.

I also am sending a clipping of the Mrs. Sophia Blewett, the mother, I think. The James and William he knew. I tried to trace some of my father's family. We moved from Los Angeles to the desert at Inyokern so dropped it then.

This Marilyn Jean Blewett was in the Chino News. It is about six miles from Pomona. These ones I have pinned together are all the same family, I think. This Hershel Blewett I wrote to him and he gave the letter to his mother and she answered it. Said they were from Missouri and came from Scotland, but I can't find the letter,

but have the envelope with her address on it, but that was 1930, so do not know if she is still there. Her name is Mrs. J. E. Blewett, 1807 Rodney Drive, Hollywood, California.

My father said he had two brothers in Oregon, named Hershel and Alex and one of them had twin girls and they were carried away by the Indians, but I do not know if they ever got them back. My brother, Grover, son of Robert Hershel Blewett, lived at Reedsport, Oregon, and said there were Blewetts living there, so it could be Hershel and Alex's children. There are Blewetts living at Redondo Beach, California, but I haven't gotten in touch with them and there is a street named Blewett in Van Nuys, California.

My brother, Charles Eli, was in the Spanish War. He died in 1947.. Was buried in the Golden Gate National Cemetery. He was born February 17, 1879.

My father was a lawyer and was District Judge in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He retired and we moved to Wellington, Kansas from Bowling Green about 1885, where he bought 4 farms. We moved on the one, two and one-half miles from Wellington until the fall of 1900 when he came to Pomona, California for his health and liked it so well he bought an orange grove and sent for the rest of the family. He and my oldest brother came for the winter and others came as soon as we could dispose of the farm implements and furniture. He died April 10, 1902. Would have been 77 years old the 10th of June, 1902. My mother, Martha Caroline Jones, his second wife died August 9, 1915. His first wife, Adaline Jones, married April 12, 1848.

Charles Eli was a 32 degree Mason and a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and when we moved to Kansas, Judge Haushell and Rev. Thomas Penick and father built the Church at Wellington. They were friends in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Father had two children by his first wife, a son and daughter. The son died when a baby. The daughter, Fannie Bell was married in Wellington, Kansas to Tom Roup of Kentucky. They had one son, Lynn Eli Roup, born November 2, 1896, died June 7, 1897. She and her husband did not come to California with us.

Everyone called my father, Judge C. E. Blewett. He said as far back as they could trace his relatives was a child picked up on the Coast of Wales with a handkerchief around his neck with the name Blewett. He said he had an Uncle, Sir Lord Richard Blewett. He had a book with some of his people's names and pictures in it but when we left Kansas he did not bring his books. He had a large book case full of books.

State of Kentucky)
Edmondson County)

I William V. Loving, Judge of the Edmondson Circuit Court do certify that Charles Blewett, Esq. has been examined by the Clerk of said court in my presence, and under my direction, and that I deem him well qualified to discharge the duties of Clerk of any County Court or Court of equal dignity in this state.

Given under my hand this 5th day of November 1850.

Wm. V. Loving.

Att
A. M. Barrott C.E.C.C. ?

State of Kentucky
Butler County Sect. July Term - 1846

This court doth certify to the Hon. Judges of Kentucky that Charles E. Blewett, Gentleman, who intends to apply for a license to practice as counsellor and attorney at law in the several courts is a person of honesty, probity and good demeanor.

Att. V. S. Hayck ?

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I wanted you to have our far-distant cousin's letter as she wrote to me, disconnected though it may be, for to my mind it conveys a great deal of information,

sentiment and realism that would be lost if I were to try to re-write what she has given.

The statement she makes concerning the 16-year old twin daughters of her father's brother being abducted by the Indians has never come to me before and will, of course, be carefully checked, but inasmuch as there was an Indian scout, Charles Blewett, aged 19 years, who was killed in the Indian battles in 1877 in Cottonwood, Idaho, as I have previously related, might give some credence to this story of the abduction of the twin daughters. No record.

If this effort I have made does not bring any other fruit or deserves any other consideration the very fact that we have been able to give you the information that follows is ample compensation for my efforts, time and endeavor and does in a great measure assuage and alleviate the many disappointments that we have reçeived from when Mrs. Beck in her letter above quoted discloses that some of our blood was shed on Corregidor and Iwo Jima, it makes me feel proud indeed, far-distant though this blood kin may be. And the fact that George Shaffer was in the Corregidor and Bataan Death March and died in a Japanese concentration camp, while Paul Shaffer, his brother was killed at Iwo Jima, causes our hearts to bleed for their mother, Jessie Blewett Shaffer and her husband, William E. Shaffer, as well as their brother, Theo Russell and sisters, Mamie and Helen, and though at this time it may seem to me that these two young men died in vain, it stands inextinguishable that their blood flowed to save democracy and let's hope that the stain of their blood on the soil of Corregidor and Iwo Jima will not fade until democracy is restored and the world is again made safe for the democratic principles of free enterprise, free speech and freedom of religion. Needless to say, search will be made for any books or papers that Mrs. Beck's father left in Wellington, Kansas, and if not in the library, then we hope to find these papers in the homes of friends, for we are sure they will contain a wealth of information.

Mary R. Blewett - Born February 29, 1880. Married John Irvin Beck, September 23, 1901. Now resides at 551 Lewis St., Pomona, California. Children; Carriellen, died August 24, 1950; Twin boys, Jesse and Charles, died.

Carriellen Beck married John Emory Dickson, Waco, Texas. Children: John Emory Dickson, Jr., Lt/jg Personel Officer, Navy Base Seattle, Washington.

John Dickson died in 1923. Carriellen Dickson married Harry Floyd Willey, son of Thomas Martin Willey.

Mattie M. Blewett - Born May 21, 1886. Death date unknown. Married Wm Dougall on July 14, 1901. Children; George, died; Forest.

Bessie Blewett - Born March 14, 1883. Death date unknown. Married Wm E. Shaffer, March 1902. Children; Bernice; Theo; Mamie; Helen; Russell; George and Paul. George Shaffer was on Corregidor and in Bataan Death March and died in Japanese concentration camp.

Mabel Blewett - Born May 21, 1886. Married Elmer Murphy, May 6, 1907. Children; Ralph; Ruth.

Virgil Blewett - Born April 6, 1889. Died November 8, 1929. Married Bessie Thompson. Children; Helen; Florence; Virgil, Jr.

Grover D. Blewett - Born March 18, 1882. Died August 24, 1943. Married Bertha Beck. Children: Robert; Hershel; Mary; Charles.

Charles Eli Blewett, Jr. - Born February 17, 1897. Died 1947. Married but no further data.

WILLIAM HILL BLEWETT (THE FIRST)

You will find more William Hill Blewetts later on so this one is designated as:

the First. He was the eldest child of Garland J. and Elizabeth Mitchell Blewett and the following is taken from an old History of Kentucky, author is unknown. 1886.-

William H. Blewett was reared in Bowling Green until he was sixteen, when he moved with his parents two miles north of town. On arriving at maturity he engaged in steam-boating which he followed for ten years on Barren, Green and Ohio Rivers; one year of that time he ran between St. Louis and New Orleans. In 1858 he was appointed deputy sheriff and served four years. In 1860 he located on 108 acres and now owns 200 acres of well improved land. During the war his sympathies were with the Union, and on that account he was compelled to leave home; he went to Louisville where he assisted Gen. Buell in making a map of Warren County, and then went to Bloomington, Indiana, where he remained until after the evacuation of Bowling Green by the Confederates; when he returned home. In 1864 he was appointed United States Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue and served six years; he then engaged in farming until 1870, and after which he engaged for three years at milling. He then sold out and after serving as deputy sheriff for four years he returned to his farm. In October 1847, he was united in marriage with Mary Collett, a duaghter of James and Mary (Carter) Collett, natives of Loudoun County, Virginia. James Collett was born in April 1788 and died at the age of seventy-six; his wife was born in November 1786. He was a soldier of 1812. Immigrated to Warren County in the spring of 1814, settled where Blewett now resides; he was a son of Jerry Collett of Loudoun County, Virginia, who was a farmer and of Dutch descent. To Mr. and Mrs. Blewett ten children were born. Mr. Blewett is a member of the Masonic fraternity, a good Templer, and was formerly a member of the Grange. He cast his first presidential vote for James K. Polk and now votes the Prohibition ticket.

William H. Blewett, Genealogy:

William H. Blewett, born Warren County, Kentucky, September 28, 1823, died - Married Mary Collett, October 28, 1847. She was born February 26, 1825, daughter of James and Mary Carter Collett of Loudoun County, Virginia. Children: Columbia, birth and death date unknown; Orville Alonzo, Born January 24, 1850; Madora Alice, birth and death date unknown; Metta Camilla, birth and death date unknown; Webster Fort, birth and death dates unknown; James F.(twins), born 1860, died; Asher E.(twins), born 1860, died March 22, 1924; Mary B., born January 6, 1865; Hector, birth and death date unknown; Georgia, no record.

ALBERT EUGENE BLEWETT: Son of Garland J. and Elizabeth Grider Mitchell Blewett; born March 16, 1831, died 1893. Married Mary Roxana Hagood, August 22, 1857.

Issue:

Edward; twice married. Daughter by each wife; Mary and Nelle; Flora E.; married C. J. Johnson. Gideon F; married Frances Jane Harrison. Amanda G, died very young. Lester G., died very young. Rosebud, died unmarried. Ollie L., married Oliver J. Payne - Sons, Forest Payne and Russell Payne. Dove B., married Rebecca Wright - Daughters Mary and Dorothy Wright. Newton A., given below.

Flora E. married E. J. Johnson. Children: John E., Floyd L; Stanley B; Willie Clayborn (female)

Gideon F. Blewett married Frances Jane Harrison in 1884. Children: Vera F; Flora F.; David. Gideon Blewett was a Major in World War I and Lt. Col. in War 2.

NEWTON A. BLEWETT: Son of Albert Eugene and Mary Hagood Blewett, born Lexington, Missouri, April 4, 1864, died Inglewood, California, October 4, 1916. Married Virginia Ellen Harrison, who was born in Missouri, December 9, 1866.

Issue:

Charles F., born February 20, 1888, Higginville, Missouri. Now resides in Los Angeles, California. Hershell L., born July 21, 1902, Foster, Missouri. D.L.A. June 19, 1951. Mattie Idylle Margie, born January 6, 1890, resides in Ojai, California, unmarried. Charles F. Blewett married (first) Lillian Stahl - Issue: Frances Nietrich, born January 25, 1914, resides in San Diego. Vern M., born July 26, 1919, married John Seefeld, no children.

Hershell Blewett married Margaret Gutherie. Daughter, Linda L.

RECORD OF ASHER E. BLEWETT AND HIS DESCENDANTS
(Furnished by Asher E. Blewett, Paducah, Kentucky, Route 2)

ASHER E. BLEWETT, SR.: Born in Warren County, Kentucky, March 7, 1860. Twin brother to James Fletcher Blewett.

JAMES FLETCHER BLEWETT: Born Bowling Green, Kentucky, March 17, 1860, died September 16, 1898 at Bloomington, Indiana. Was twin brother to Asher E. Blewett. Married Lucy Cornelia Pering, who was born December 3, 1859 and died April 26, 1889 at Bloomington, Indiana. They were married at the Pering home near Clear Creek - three miles south of Bloomington, by Rev. Elisha Ballentine. He was a druggist. He had graduated from Pharmacy School at Nashville, Tennessee before coming to Bloomington. They both belonged to the Presbyterian Church. He was a Republican and Knight of Pythias. She was the third child of Alfred and Edmonia Carter Pering. They had the following children: Alfred Pering Blewett (my father), born April 11, 1886 at Clear Creek, Indiana, weighing 10 pounds, died June 10, 1933 at Bloomington, Indiana with Brights Disease, age 47 years. Lucien Fletcher Blewett, born April 26, 1889, weighing five and one-half pounds, died July 29, 1889 and buried Rose Hill Cemetery, Bloomington, Indiana.

After the death of his first wife, James Fletcher Blewett married her sister, Ella Maria Pering, at Clear Creek. She was the 2nd child of Alfred and Edmonia Carter Pering. She was born in Green County, Indiana near Worthington, April 23, 1857. They were married June 25, 1891. She had taken care of his children after their mother's death. She died of pneumonia, January 12, 1911 at Bloomington. They had the following children: Infant, died July 21, 1893. Ethel Keegan Blewett, born December 9, 1895, died March 21, 1896. Frances Collett Blewett, born April 4, 1899 at "Echo Place" the Pering Homestead, died Palo Alto, California - Suicide, I believe. Married September 4, 1927, David Harris, history professor at Stamford University. She went to California after her mother's death and stayed with relatives at Palo Alto, California until she graduated from Stanford. Then she spent a year in Paris. The first year and half after her marriage her husband taught history at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C. They then went to London, England where he did historical research. Since then he has been a professor at Stanford. I remember hearing a few years ago that she committed suicide by inhaling gas from the stove.

After James Fletcher Blewett's death, September 16, 1898, his widow returned to her parents home with her daughter, Frances and step-son, A. P. Blewett. They moved back to Bloomington in 1905. At that time Alfred Pering Blewett got a job with the Post Office as Rural Mail Carrier and carried the mail as rural and city carrier for the rest of his life.

Hensley Blewett married Elizabeth . Further data missing.

Issue: Vernon Hensley Blewett married Minnie Wurtman. Elizabeth Blewett, Mahalia now resides in Paducah, Kentucky. June Blewett, deceased.

Vernon Hensley Blewett and Minnie Wurtman: Issue: Sterling Hensley; Ura May; Mrs. Clay Holmes; Vernon L. Blewett; Brenda S. Blewett and Hensley J. Blewett.

ORVILLE A. BLEWETT: Son of William H. Blewett and Mary Collett Blewett, born January 24, 1850. Married Anna Gossom. Issue: Walter Williams born July 28, 1880, died April 17, 1946; Harry K. Blewett born February 5, 1882, died July 22, 1922; Hershall G. Blewett, born May 16, 1885, resides in Louisville, Kentucky; Beulah, born October 13, 1899, died February 14, 1949, married Jordan; Walter William Blewett born August 21, 1910, now resides in Washington, D. C., X-Ray Specialist.

Harry K. Blewett married Isbelle Lucas, January 18, 1906. She being a sister of Walter William Blewett's wife. No children.

Orville Blewett died February 16, 1919. His wife, Anna, was born July 8, 1859, but no further record found, as no grave was found in Mount Olivet Cemetery where he is buried.

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"Bloomington, Indiana
July 2, 1951

Dear Sir:

Your letter and family genealogy was a very pleasant surprise. The information was welcome, as I had not known of my father's ancestors further back than William Hill Blewett, who is my great grandfather.

On July 3, 1907 he married Ida Elizabeth Sherfey. She was the daughter of Joseph and Retta Sherfey of Bloomington. She is still living. They had the following children: Joseph Fletcher Blewett, born June 27, 1910, married Gretta Kirkpatrick Van Dament, November 7, 1940. No children. She was born, February 26, 1898 at Ulysses, Nebraska. Now foreman with the Nurre Co.'s Inc., Bloomington Plant.

Charles Frederick Blewett, born November 30, 1911, married Mildred Olive Alexander of Salem, Indiana. They have the following children: Linda Sue Blewett, Judith Kay Blewett and Carol Ann Blewett. He is now with Huber and Huber Trucking Co., Indianopolis, Indiana.

Louella Marie Blewett, born March 3, 1913, died May 1945 ? Never married.

Harry Earl Blewett, born April 30, 1915, married Elizabeth White of Indianopolis on February 14, 1941. They have one son, Donald Allen Blewett. He is mail clerk at Bloomington Post Office. She is teacher at Bloomington High School.

Margaret Irene Blewett, born July 16, 1916. She is now Western Union operator at Bloomington.

Bertha Anna Blewett, born April 30, 1918, married William Dale Rogers of Bloomington, April 11, 1937. They have two children - Donna Lee Rogers, born July 30, 1938 and Richard Dale Rogers, born March 30, 1941. She was divorced and married Charles Fousett.

This I hope will give you an outline of our branch of the Blewett family tree.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph F. Blewett
402 E. 4th St.
Bloomington, Ind."

This was taken from the Carter-Pering genealogy compiled by Mrs. Belle Pering, May 21, 1872 - Copy of letter written by Wm. Blewett to relative in Bloomington, Ind. He lived at Phalen, Kentucky.

"Dear Cousin:

Received your letter with news of Cousin Frank's death.

We have had 10 children and lost 4. We now have 4 boys and 2 girls. The girls are the babies. My oldest son, O. A. Blewett , is 22 years old, our youngest in her seventh year. I am running a flouring mill and Mary is running the farm. I think I have the best wife in the country if she did come from the Carter family. I am making a good living. Poor Liza has been confined to her bed the last 6 weeks with rheumatism. Harriet is well and doing well, has 8 children, 5 of which are married. Her eldest daughter has 3 children but has lost her mind.

Melvin Collet and family are well and doing well. Owns a good farm and has plenty. Wm Collett is also well and doing well. His wife has bad health. Thinks she cannot last long. Hiram Collett's family are well. His 2 eldest daughters are married. Alexander Collett lives in Evansville. Wm. Perry lives in Bowling Green. He looks quite old and is unhappy having lost his wife some years ago. Glad you are talking of visiting us. Bring Uncle and Aunt. Tell Aunt Fanny she promised to come and see us when the R.R. was finished and now it is done. Would be glad to have

Cousin Ezra and Mariah visit us. Tell Cousin Lu we would be glad to hear from her again. What has become of Uncle Job's family or Jacobs. Hiram and Hannah are here and send their love. Mary joins me in well wishes. You are young, stay with your parents.

Peter Carter lost his wife some 3 weeks ago, leaving him almost broken hearted. He has 5 children but able to raise them.

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Letter to Eddie Pering from Wm H. Blewett, August 15, 1854, at Bowling Green, Kentucky. Aunt Fanny and Uncle Tom (Carter?) had been down on a visit. Wished Eddie could have come to Kentucky too and listened to Aunt Fanny and Molly tell of their young scrapes and travels in Virginia. Our children have had the measles. Gave her advice about how to treat her new husband.

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To Frances E. Carter, November 10, 1849. From Cousin Wm. H. Blewett of Bowling Green, Kentucky. He was teaching a Common School of all ages. Received $60 per quarter. In 3 weeks his school would be out, then he expected to go on the river for the next year as a pilot for which he would receive 3 or 4 hundred dollars per year.

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Another letter from Wm. H. Blewett to Alfred Pering, May 9, 1861. He was in favor of the Union. Tom Carter had been down and taught school near there.

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In another letter he said, "We are for Greeley or Grant or anyone to beat a Democrat."

JAMES FLETCHER: Son of William H. Blewett and Mary Collett. Married February 8, 1891 to Miss Bettie Peyton, daughter of Gaines R. Peyton and Mary Emily Pedigo of Hart County, Kentucky. To Mr. and Mrs. Blewett nine children were born, eight of whom lived to maturity. Mr. Blewett died March 22, 1924 in Bowling Green, Kentucky, where he had engaged in grocery business for many years. After retiring he raised fox hounds as a hobby. Children: Carl Watson; Mary; William; Peyton; Maxwell; Della; Asher E.; Emma.

Carl Watson: Born November 29, 1891, died in 1943.

Mary: Married George B. Dickey in 1913. One daughter, Bernice born in 1916. Mr. Dickey died in 1920 and Mary married Fred Lively. She died in 1937. Her daughter, Bernice, married Charles Owen Greer and resides in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

William: Married Miss Lorraine Glaynor, divorced and married Miss Johnson, one child of this marriage, William Jr.

Peyton: Married Miss Lucy Belle Carr, of Mayfield, Kentucky. Eight children; Rollie, now living in Akron, Ohio; Betty, residing in Roswell, New Mexico; Hershel, living in Roswell, New Mexico; Dorothy, living in Mayfield, Kentucky; Joyce Pearl and Mary Hilton of Mayfield, Kentucky.

Maxwell: Married Miss Delia Pegman on March 17, 1924. One child, Doris Evelyn, born April 18, 1925 in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Married Charles Owens, November 6, 1949. Lives in Memphis, Tennessee at 1233 Goodman Circle, West. Mr. Owens is in the jewelry business

Della: Born September 9, 1902. Married December 2, 1920 to Don Ira Peterson. Two children; William Curry, born October 2, 1921; Donald Briggs, born October 8, 1923. All of this family now reside in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Asher E., Jr.; Born in Bowling Green, Kentucky, April 12, 1906. Married Miss

Anna Fay Milliken of Paudcah, Kentucky, October 18, 1929. He graduated from Western State College, Bowling Green, Kentucky and later received his M. A. degree from University of Florida. Spent a number of years as a high school teacher and principal of schools in Florida. Is now a salesman for the L. G. Balfour Co., traveling in Illinois and Kentucky and resides at Paducah, Kentucky. Two children, William Peyton is a student at Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina and Joe Byron, US Navy, Great Lakes, Illinois.

Emma: Born in 1907, married in 1929 to Delmore Thomas Caywood. She is now employed by the State Unemployment Compensation Bureau in Frankfort, Kentucky where they reside. One child, Tommy.

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ELI H. BLEWETT; Son of Thomas H. and Susannah Harris Blewett, was born December 16, 1819, married Tobitha M. Turner. Lived in Simpson County, Kentucky. Member of Baptist Church and was a strong Union man in the Civil War. Nothing more given. Children: John S.; Mary S.; Howell; Medora; Sarah F.; Amanda; A. Hargis; Thomas R.; Bob O.; Cyrene; Ann. A descendant of this family, Frances Medora Roby Smith, of 314 So. 12th St., Frederick, Oklahoma, happened to read my appeal for Blewett descendants and wrote me as follows: " My father was Eli Harris Blewett Roby. His mother was Medora Alice Blewett, the daughter of Eli H. Blewett and Tabitha Turner. She married James Roby of Kentucky and the following children were born:

Fannie Cornelius, born January 6, 1876, died November 1891.
Grover Glenn, born May 13, 1880, died April 8, 1945.
Eli Harris, born March 7, 1880, died July 19, 1950.
William Elmer, born January 13, 1882, died August 17, 1899.
Mary Elizabeth, born April 7, 1884, now living in California
John Barcus, born August 27, 1886, died June 24, 1930.
Etta Roberta, born August 7, 1888, lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico.
Annie Vaden, born April 27, 1890, died September, 1930.
Grover has one daughter living in Wellington, Texas.

I married Dent Smith and have four children; Jay Ruby; Jack; Mary Frances and Kathleen.

Winnie Davis born June 18, 1892, lives in Denver, Colorado.
Grace Lucille, born November 19, 1893, lives in Houston and is an M.D.
My grandmother's brother, John, has three children living in Franklin, Kentucky; Faye; May and Lizzie Blewett. "

However, I want to give you a letter I received from J. N. Blewett, Denver, Colorado, Rt. 1, Box 493-A, which seems to differ slightly with Mrs. Smith's version, so I quote from his letter of October 22, 1951:

"Eli Blewett, born March 15, 1775 (?) died March 8, 1837, buried in Warren County, Kentucky.

Thomas H. Blewett, son of Eli, born October 23, 1792, died March 16, 1881. Wife, Susannah ?, born February 13, 1798 and died January 22, 1885. Both are buried in Warren County, Kentucky.

Eli H. Blewett, son of Thomas H., born December 16, 1819, died June 22, 1906. Married Tobitha Turner, January 29, 1846. She was born September 22, 1829 and died August 24, 1900. Children of Eli H. and Tobitha M. Blewett: John; Susie; Dorah; Amanda; Annie; Thomas; Robert and Eli.

Robert O. Blewett, born October 14, 1863 and died June 6, 1930. Married Ida Jepson, January 1, 1881. She was born December 18, 1862 and died October 13, 1935. Both are buried in Simpson County, Kentucky. Children of Robert O. and Ida Blewett: Jesse E.; Mary Lou and Ennis E.

Jesse E. Blewett, born July 20, 1883, and at present a resident of Franklin, Kentucky. He married Erna Mills Johnston, January 25, 1910. She was born Sept. 19, 1883. Children of Jesse E. and Erna M. Blewett: J. Nathaniel and James R.

J. Nathaniel Blewett, born April 30, 1911, married Gertie B. Mobley, April 16,

1929. Now residents of Denver, Colorado. Children of J. Nathaniel and Gertie B. Blewett: Robert N.;now in service, Edmund D.; William J; and James R. all of Denver.

James R. Blewett, born July 21, 1916, married Martha Mason and have two children, James R., Jr.; and Ann Mills, all residents of Franklin, Kentucky.

Mary Lou, born October 3, 1887, died January 13, 1924. Married C. R. Wingo and they had the following children. Robert W. Francis; Pauline; Evelyn and Beulah.

Ennis E. Blewett, born January 13, 1902. Married Tommy Mae Adams and have one child, Ida Jean. They are residents of Franklin, Kentucky.

This is about as far as we have been able to trace our branch of the family. I trust, however, that this little bit will be of some help.

Again I beg forgiveness in being so tardy in answering your many letters and I trust that you will keep me posted as to the progress you are making.

Kindest regards,

J. N. Blewett"

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SHELBY BLEWETT SCHROADER: Shelby Blewett Schroader is the son of Mary Elizabeth Blewett, the daughter of William Hill Blewett and sister of Webster, Asher and James F. Blewett. No further infromation furnished.

ALEXANDER C. BLEWETT

Alexander Chapman Blewett, son of Garland J. and Elizabeth Mitchell Blewett was born January 1, 1835. Nothing is known of his early life except that he moved to California in early life, probably about 1885, where he died in 1898. On September 9, 1857 he married Galveston Stone (but Mrs. Beck's family Bible says her name was Sarah Stoner). Galveston Stone was a native of Galveston, Texas, and her family was very wealthy and prominent. Children: Arthur; Hannibal; Ray V.; Betsy Stark and Effie.

My efforts to obtain information on this family bore some fruit and I give you quotations from Volumn 3 of Durham's History of Spokane City and Spokane County, Washington, which I feel, however, may be several years old, as I have never been able to find any trace of these descendants of this rather remarkable and successful family:-

ARTHUR R. BLEWETT

"The industrial enterprise of Spokane find a worthy and well known representative in Arthur R. Blewett who is the secretary and general manager of the Northwest Harvester Company, and enterprise that has excellent equipment and is well established on the road to success. A native of Bowling Green, Kentucky, Arthur R. Blewett was born June 14, 1877, of the marriage of Alexander Chapman Blewett and Galveston Stone. The mother was named for her native city, Galveston, Texas, and belongs to an old Southern family, prominent in antebellum days. She was of English descent as was her husband who was a native of Kentucky. The latter died in California in 1898 and his wife passed away in 1901. In the family were three sons and two daughters; Arthur R; Hannibal C., who is living in Turlock, California; Ray V., of the same place; Miss Betty Stark of Spokane; and Effie who is also living in Spokane.

Arthur R. Blewett was taken to California in his boyhood days, his parents moving to that territory in 1890 supplemented his public school course by study in San Joaquin Valley College at Woodbridge, California. After putting aside his text books he engaged in farming ninety five hundred acres of land at Turlock Stanislaus, California, but withdrew from agricultural pursuits in 1906 and went upon the road as a traveling salesman for the Holt Manufacturing Company at Stockton, California,with which he was connected for six years. He traveled over the Northwest Territory covering Oregon, Washington, Montana and Canada and in 1907 was made district manager for the company at Spokane, continuing in the position through the years of 1908

and 1909. Since then he has been the secretary and manager of the Northwest Harvester Company of which he was one of the organizers. They made a specialty of side hill combined harvesters and build two types of machines--one called the Northwest Side Hill Combined Harvesters and the Blewett Side Hill Combined Harvester, the inventions and patents of the later are owned by Mr. Blewett. In addition to the manufacture and sales of harvesters the company conducts a general foundry and machine shop business, builds a variety of special machines and does all kinds of repair work. They have completed the second year in business and in ten months the output in machines amounted to over eighty thousand dollars. The company owns its own plant adjoining Spokane with four acres ground and has an exceptionally good class of all brick factory buildings with concrete floors, numbering nine. Modern machinery has been installed and everything is planned for the rapid filling of orders. They have won notable success since embarking on this enterprise and not a little of the result was attributable to Arthur R. Blewett whose previous experience with The Hold Manufacturing Company well qualified him to undertake the duties that devolve him in his present connection. The Northwest Harvester Company has the following officers: Ben C. Holt, president and treasurer; C. Parker Hold, vice president and Arthur R. Blewett, manager and secretary. This business is capitalized for three hundred thousand.

In addition to his other interests Mr. Blewett owns an irrigated ranch at Turlock, California, which he is now improving. He belongs to the Spokane Club, the Spokane Athletic Club and also the Chamber of Commerce. His political views are in accord with the principles of the democratic party and he keeps well informed on the questions of the day, but does not seek nor desire office, feeling that his time and attention are fully occupied by business affairs which are growing in volume and importance and which have already won him recognition as an enterprising and successful businessman of his adopted city."

He seemed to have died in Livingston, California, but was buried in Bowling Green, as Miss Dorothy Jones of 1016 Nutwood Ave., Bowling Green was kind enough to send me some data from the gravestones there.

A daughter, Lara, born April 4, 1872, died July 24, 1872.

Hallie E., born March 11, 1861, died June 8, 1861.

Howard, born March 12, 1870, died same year.

She found no graves of the children mentioned in first paragraph.

All of the above tombstones were found in Mount Olivet Cemetery on Plum Springs Road, Mount Olivet Church was erected in 1846.

GARLAND J. BLEWETT, JR.

Garland J. Blewett, Jr. was the son of Garland J. Blewett and Elizabeth Mitchell Blewett, born Warren County, Kentucky, April 7, 1837. Death and burial unknown.

He went to college in Missouri and letters indicate that it was a financial burden to his father yet certainly never regretted. Following college he practiced law in Hawesville, Kentucky and had a general store. In 1862 he received a commission in the 12th Regiment Ky. Volunteers (Union) and was later promoted to Captain and other letters indicated that he was being considered for appointment as a Colonel. There is nothing further to confirm that this was realized. Many of the letters indicated the extreme suffering and financial hardship during the Civil War. After the war he worked at several businesses traveling for a wholesale grocer company and a shoe manufacturer. Garland Jefferson, Jr. was a very restless individual and could not keep satisfied for long at any one field of endeavor. It is indicated that he had very many true friends as well as many enemies. Later, around 1868, he seems to be separated from his wife.

Garland J. Blewett, Jr. first married Priscilla Patrick, January 22, 1856, but no further information furnished so don't know of her ancestry or whether she died or was divorced or if any children were born.

He married Marie Cordella Dillon, July 1, 1857, or as you will note, about eighteen months after his first marriage. No information as to her ancestry. No

information as to his business or other activities but find that he lived in Ghent, Kentucky, at one time for some of his children were born there. Children: James Edward Bush, born Ghent, Kentucky, February 7, 1860, died Natchez, Mississippi, February 1, 1916. Dora, infant, died in 1860. Willie, died an infant in 1871. Charlie, born about 1865. Mary Elizabeth (Molly) born about 1862.

CHARLES GARLAND BLEWETT

Charles Garland Blewett was the son of Garland J. Blewett, Jr. and Marie Dillon but have no further information but understand he was married but no children.

JAMES EDWARD BUSH BLEWETT

James Edward Bush Blewett was the son of Garland J. Blewett, Jr. and Marie Dillon, born Ghent, Kentucky, February 7, 1860. Nothing furnished as to his early life, occupation or other activities, but my father knew him and spoke highly of him. He seemed to have been successful and accumulated considerable property and enjoyed much prestige and prominence. He traveled for wholesale grocery houses and later moved to Yazoo City, Mississippi, where he represented a large bakery concern. He married Elizabeth Hunter who was born on Lodi plantation, Miss., December 6, 1864 and who died in Natchez, Miss., August 3, 1936, her mother was a direct descendant of Samuel Huntington, signer of Declaration of Independence.

Children: Charles Huntington; Gladys Dillon; Edna Elizabeth; Carolyn Hunter.

MARY ELIZABETH (MOLLIE) BLEWETT

Mollie - (named Mary Elizabeth) born about 1862. Married Marcus Young, a banker in Warrensburg, Missouri, lived there from about 1885 to 1933 in May when she died. They had two daughters, Geneva, music instructor at the present at Christian College in Columbia, Missouri, and Marie, who is teaching at the present time in high school in Kansas City, Missouri. Neither girls married. Mollie and Marcus Young adopted a boy named Gus Bass when he was about 14 years old. He succeeded his father as president of the Citizens National Bank at Warrensburg and is in this position at the present time. He married Roberta and they have one son named Conrad who is now in the service. Marcus Young died about 1935.

LETIE BLEWETT

Letie - married John Hall and resided many years in Eastview, Kentucky, where he was a Postmaster. They had one son, John, Jr., who married Rae (last name not known) who was in the postal service until his death in 1948. They had no children. Rae still resides in Louisville. Letie became Postmistress in Eastview upon the death of her husband, she died in about 1943. No further information furnished.

ANNA LEMON BLEWETT

Anna Lemon - born in 1872, the youngest child, married Samuel McClelland West in Kansas City, Missouri, December 1895. To this union were four children. Her husband died March 1945, she followed in November 1950. He was in the livestock business in Kansas City Stockyards for 55 years and at one time was Vice-President of the Kansas City Livestock Exchange and at another was Secretary of this organization. Except for the year 1903 in which they lived in Chicago, the remaining part of their lives was spent in Kansas City. She was the last of the children of Garland Jefferson, Jr. to pass away. Children:

Norma Elizabeth - born December 1896, married Frank Henderson in 1922. They now reside in St. Louis, Missouri, and have no children. He is in the insurance business.

Samuel Marion - born September 1900, now resides in Kansas City, Missouri. He is in the livestock business and never married.

Marie Lydia - born June 1903, married Edward F. Kehr in November, 1924. They now reside in St. Louis and Edward is a grocery broker. They lost a son, Richard, at the age of 8 years.

Howard Trimble - born May 1911, married Lucile Lichty, June 1933. They reside in Dallas, Texas and have one son, John Howard, born September 1941. Howard has always been in the drug business.

CHARLES HUNTINGTON BLEWETT

Charles Huntington Blewett, son of James Edward Bush and Marie Dillon Blewett was born in 1893 and in Yazoo City, Miss., I suppose, as no data was given me. He served with distinction in World War I attaining rank of Captain and is mentioned with honor on a tablet honoring heroes in Natchez in 1951 and to be entertained in their home. He died a few years ago. I also had the pleasure of meeting their daughter, Mrs. William McGehee (nee Sarah Byrne Blewett and her charming baby.)

EDNA ELIZABETH BLEWETT

Edna Elizabeth Blewett was the daughter of James Edward Bush and Elizabeth Hunter Blewett and it was our good fortune to meet this lovely lady who was so kind to us on our visit in Natchez and although she was suffering with a broken leg and on crutches she was kind enough to take us around to all the old homes as well as to introduce us to some of the old families.

She married to Robert Hicks Parker (no date given nor further information altho at that time he had been dead several years.) Since our visit there we learned she had married the gentleman who owned the tourist court where we stayed while there.

Children: Robert Hicks Parker, Jr.; Eugene; Jack Blewett; Edna Elizabeth; Carolyn Hunter; Richard Sessions; Barbara Nell.

No further information furnished.

GLADYS DILLON BLEWETT

Gladys Dillon Blewett was the daughter of James Edward Bush Blewett, was born in Yazoo City, Miss., I suppose, but no date given. In 1919 she married Dr. Lesslie Thomas Conditt, U. S. Navy, who was born in 1896. No further information given but understand Dr. Conditt a few years ago died and Mrs. Conditt is now living in Washington, D. C., as she has kindly given me some information on other matters. Children: Mary Elizabeth, married Milton Hall, Dorothy Huntington, married John V. Kicklighter; Lt. L. T. Conditt, Liet. U.S. Navy.

CAROLYN HUNTER BLEWETT

Carolyn Hunter Blewett, the daughter of James Edward Bush and Marie Dillon, was born in Yazoo City, Miss., July 21, 1902 and married John Lazarus Green, December 22, 1922 in Natchez, Miss. He was born in Meridian, Miss, Aug. 14, 1896, and died March 18, 1948. Mrs. Green now resides in Charlotte, N. C. She is president of Wesley Elder Bible Class, member of DAR, UDC, Past Pres. American Legion Aux. Children:

John Lazarus, Jr., born Natchez,Miss, May 26, 1924, volunteered for service in World War II. Served three years in ETO in three major campaigns. Received Battle Star on ETO ribbon. Twice wounded and given the purple heard with clusters and Bronze Star medal for heroism above and beyond the call of duty. Now attorney at law in Charlotte.

Carolyn Huntington, born New Orleans, La., March 11, 1931. Married Robert Mundy Stevenson, December 29, 1950, Charlotte, N. C.

Nancy Ione, born Nashville, Tennessee, April 5, 1936.

WILLIAM BLEWETT, JR. AND HIS CHILDREN

John, Wiley, Sarah, Thomas, Elizabeth, Hannah, Eli, Calvin, David, Rebecca Blewett and their descendants.

By referring to Uncle John Blewett's letter of 1848 you will find he gives the following information concerning his brothers and sisters: Thomas died unmarried; Eli died when young; Elizabeth died when young; Hannah died unmarried; Calvin died when and David died unmarried.

RUTH BOTT'S LINEAGE

William Blewett, Sr.
Miss Garton
Miss White
*Elizabeth Morris

*William Blewett, Jr., born 1764; died 11/11843
Rebecca Thomas, born 1774; died 11/28/1848

1 2 3 4 5 6
William, born 1799 Thomas, 1800, Sarah, 1802, John, 1803, Eli, 1805, Elizabeth, 1806
7 8 9 10 11
Hannah, 1808 Calvin, 1810, Wiley, 1812, David, 1814 Rebecca, 1816

(3)*Sarah Blewett, born 1802
*Edward B. Martin, born 1800; died 1824
Married 1823
William Everett - no issue
Samuel Patterson - no issue

*Caroline Martin, born 1/16/1824, Anson Co., N. C.
John Clements Patterson, born 2/29/1819, Jefferson Co., Georgia, married 10/17/1843 - Decatur Co., Ga.

1 2 3
Sarah Frances, b. 10/23/1844 Harriet Rebecca, 7/23/46 Narcissa Adeline, 1/23/1848
4 5 6
Virginia Ruth, b. 8/4/50 Mary Ellen, b. 6/1/1852 Nancy Caroline, b. 10/13/1854
7 8 9
Catherine Florence, b. 2.7/57 Samuel Bowen, b. 5/7/59 Elizabeth John, b. 2/17/62

(4)*Virginia Ruth Patterson, born 8/4/50; died 1/31/31
William Wallace Botts, born 8/18/48; died 12/28/89
Born in New Jersey.

1 2 3
Augusta Frances, born 10/2882 John Patterson, born 12/13/83 Ruth Virginia b. 1/26/85
4
William Wallace, II, b. 3/9/90; died 1/27/49

John Patterson Botts
Emma Ballentine, Columbia, South Carolina
Married 4/12/1912

Ruth Evelyn, b. 3/22/1916
Edward P. Wester, Jr.
Married 12/5/1944 - period
Resides Jacksonville, Florida

William Wallace Botts, II
Margaret Farley, (Iowa)
Married 11/27/19

William W. Botts, III, b. 1/23/1922
Killed in action World War II in Germany, Patton's 3rd Army, buried in France.

*Miss Ruth Botts now resides in Bainbridge, Georgia, and I have just been informed that she is confined to her bed with cancer, and I fear she is in a grave condition, as I have had no communication from her in over a year and at this time, Februare 12, 1954, I haven't heard anything from her since January 1953.

Later - Miss Ruth Botts passed away February 17, 1954.

MISS RUTH BOTT'S COLLECTION OF OLD LETTERS

I am further indebted to my far-distant cousin, Miss Ruth Botts, descendant of Sarah Blewett, for additional old papers and letters which, I think, will be of interest to you. The following letter is self-explanatory and should perhaps be traced for further information:-

Cairo, Georgia
April 15, 1879

Dear Brother Patterson:

Squire Pearce requests me to give you the following answers to questions in your letter of the 6th instant.

First, Reverend Wiley Blewett joined the Richland Baptist Church in Decatur, Co. Georgia, May 10, 1834. Do not know who baptized him but presume the pastor in charge of the church at that time.

Second, he was licensed to preach by the Church, March 7, 1835. He was not ordained by that body at all but received his ordination in Stewart County, Georgia after his expulsion from Richland Church and year not remembered but think the two Cumbies were members of the Presbtry that ordained him.

Third, he was excommunicated from Richland Church in common with a number of the members of the Church on heresy, July 10, 1835.

He, and those expelled with him were called "Free-will Baptists" or "Whiteites". This rupture resulted in the dissolution of the Richland Church.

Faithfully yours,
Rev. H. Harris

P.S. We are having some weather now.

The above letter is rather difficult to read for, while the penmanship is very clear and the ink plain enough, the rather elaborate flourishes make it difficult to decipher the proper names, especially.

By referring to the Ruth Bott's collection of other letters, you will find that Rev. Wiley Blewett came to Texas about 1849 or 1850, or several years after he was expelled from the Church. The following letter is of special interest as it was written by Miss Ruth Botts' grandfather, John C. Patterson, while he was stationed at St. Marks, Florida, to make salt for the Confederates. This letter is also rather difficult to read due to the elaborate flourishes in penmanship. It was addressed to his brother.

St. Marks, Florida
February 28, 1867

Dear Brother:

I take this present opportunity of writing you a few lines in haste to let you know how we are getting along here and how I fare myself. This leaves me in very

good health but I am as weak and much more feeble than I was two weeks ago. I am more stiff in my legs and they have got to paining me very much at night and my heel string is so tight that I can hardly walk at times. There are two or three cases of fever in camp at this time, which is the only sickness we have. I have been looking for a letter from you two or three days ago in answer to one I sent you in (undecipherable) getting salt. Now is the time to get it I think for the best. It will rise soon. The Yankees came out yesterday and broke up the Salt works in East Goose Creek and took 5 or 6 men and as many negroes, broke the kettles and burnt the shanties (undecipherable) out of the blockade before any of our cavalry could get there. Among the men taken was (undecipherable) and his overseer. There came a flag of truce up to our pickets today and was answered from the spray but I do not know the purport of it yet.

If you think of getting salt you had better come at once and bring sacks and money or send them to me as soon as you can. Brazell (?) will deliver salt at St. Marks at ten dollars the purchaser finding sacks or barrels to put it in. If you do not come or send I shall get my salt if Brazell will take a draft on Campbell payable by J. N. Potter of Bainbridge. The Baptain offers to give me one sack to the amount of the syrup and I have been waiting to hear from you and will go over and see Brazell in a day or two and see if I can engage of him. Barrels cost $6.00 down here, such as is of no account after we get them home and I have concluded to make some sacks out of drawers and shirts. I have drawers here to put my salt in if you do not send them from home.

I wrote to Caroline a few days ago and told her to see you and tell you about the salt,-if you have not got my letter, and also that I wished you to dispost of my money in some way if you have not used it already. I do not know what will become of the money and you can do as you think best with it. If you have got a shoemaker, I want a pair of shoes made, size 6, and I do not want them very heavy. I will try to get them somehow by the time I want them.

The Truce Boat has got back and brought three of the salt makers that was taken yesterday, men that were old and not fit for service, but the rest were held as prisoners of war, five in number. Among these were Bugs (?) and Paulet. Bugs went as a Confederate Captain.

They got two negroes and they went voluntarily, they told the others to go or stay as they pleased.

I have had thoughts of trying to get a detail for the year or until I get well. The Captain and (undecipherable) says I ought to get out of the service and they are writing that I should try to do so, but I do not know how to go about it without I get home. I wish you would get the petition fixed up and if it cannot be done without me I will try to get off a few days or it can be sent to me and I can be qualified to it here or in Tallahassee.

I have had thoughts of writing to Teeter (?) to get him to assist me with it but you can see how for me and get him to do so if you think there is any chance to effect anything in the matter. Perhaps you might see Terrell (?) and write to him and see if he can get me in his employ somehow. I do not desire to get out of the service if I were able to do duty but I know that I cannot stand it in my present condition nor do I think I can ever get well here.

No more at present but remain your affectionate brother,

J. C. Patterson.

The following is of special interest as it relates to Caroline Martin, who was the oldest child of Sarah Blewett, who married Everett and then married Samuel Patterson and Samuel Patterson became the guardian of Caroline Martin.

She later married John C. Patterson, who was a younger brother of Samuel Patterson and they were the grandparents of Miss Ruth Botts.

This document is also very difficult to decipher as it is written with a great many flourishes and although the writing is plain and distinct it is hard indeed to definitely determine some of the words.

Georgia)
Decatur County)

By the honorable the Inferior Court of
of said County Sitting for ordinary

Purposes

To Samuel W. Patterson of the Said County Granting.

Whereas, Caroline Martin, orphan of Edward Martin, deceased, is possessed of in her own right of a considerable estate by means whereof the power of Granting the Guardianship of the said Caroline Martin to as is manifestly known to belong and for the better securing the Estate and more ample maintanance and education of said orphan and from the integrity and confidence reposed in you we do hereby commit the (undecipherable) education and guardianship of the said Caroline Martin to you the said Samuel W. Patterson. You assenting thereunto by the acceptance of these letters. Tehn in charging you that you maintain and cause to be educated said orphan in such manner as shall be suitable to her interests and curcumstances during her minority. And that you inquire into and take charge of her both real and personal and all other things to do which by Law you ought to do for your said ward; of all which a true and perfect account you shall render to the first term of the court of ordinary for said County in every year during your continuance in office. And lastly we do hereby constitute and appoint you the said Samuel W. Patterson, guardian of the aforesaid, Caroline Martin during her minority.

Witness the honorable Daniel O Neel, one of the Justices of the said Court of Ordinary this 4th day of November 1838.

C. N. Amos C. C. O. (?)

Attached to the above Guardianship is a statement as follows:

Caroline Martin

1832	Legacy of father due		$236.98
	Sundries got for her		30.53
			206.43
6 years int. to January 1838			99.50
	Given by mothers		500.00
	2 years interest		80.00
			885.93
1835			
Mothers bank account		$120.96	
Int. 2 years		19.35	
1836 Account		23.84	
Int. 1 year		1.40	
1837 Account		26.75	
		191.80	
			191.80
			694.13

We now come to something rather different and much more appealing as we find several letters written by Nancy Blewett when she was a young girl and in these letters you will find the same romantic disposition and inclinations that prevails among young girls today (or at least so I am told) and I find these letters of little Nancy most interesting and feel sure that you also would enjoy reading them as they are in a clear distinct neat handwriting and although over one hundred years old are clearly legible. I had better state that this Nancy Blewett was a daughter of John Blewett and the grand-daughter of William Blewett, Sr.

The first letter is addressed to her father's sister in Georgia.-

Jasper County, Texas August 27, 1849

Dear Aunt:

I will now take the opportunity of writing you a few lines to inform you that we are all well at present and I hope these few lines will find you enjoying the same blessing.

I received yours bearing date of April 8th and was very glad to hear from you and that you were well.

Father's crops are good except cotton as the catterpillars have and are ravaging it. I and Regina are going to school about three miles and a half of Uncle Abels. We have about twentyfive or thirty scholars. Brother Williams goes to school in Jasper to a Mr. Childers. He has about thirty five or forty scholars and a very good teacher but Father says that if we ever get done going to shcool to Mr. Walkingshow for that is the name of my teacher, that he will never send to him again because he is so tight. He is an Irishman.

I have received one letter from Jane Braswell one from Susan Pearce. Brother Wm. is gone to singing today to Jasper. I, Irreney, Brother and Samuel went to preaching about four weeks ago out in Newton Co. and we had a fine time. We all got a ticket to a party to be given on the 29th, but Father gave them to understand that we would not go. I have had one most every month and I made a young man mad about it not long ago by saying I would not let it go to Georgia that I danced for money. Mr. Williams' three daughters is all in the settlement that don't dance. Cousin Henry comes to see us occasionally. I am going to see them as soon as I can get the chance. I have been to see Artimicia (?) once. Alley and Bird lives about two miles east of us and old Mrs. Bird sends her best respects to you and Mrs. Alley the same and to Aunt Sarah and Uncle Wiley. I have so large lessons to get I must come to a close.

We are all well satisfied and none wants to go back to live. To go to a neighbors house the first thing is a cup of coffee and some of them had it from five to seven and eight times and if a man has but one pair of pants and the whole seat patched with buckskin and no shoes he will be certain to have on a linen bosom shirt. All the young men in our settlement started for the river Gilla to prospect for gold but met a man of their acquaintance and stated to them that he had been there three months and had not seen a bit of gold and that there was hundreds there that could not get away and they all came back.

You must write to me and Ireeney says she is in hopes that you haven't forgotten her. Mother is in better health than she has been in two years. Give my love to all my Uncles and Aunts and Cousins and receive it yourself. Tell them to write to me.

Your affectionate niece,
Nancy H. Blewett

Jasper County, Texas July 14th, 1850

Dear Aunt:

I now seat myself to answer your letter which I received about three months ago. This leaves us all well hoping it will find you enjoying the same blessing. I said we was all. I am not well myself. I have a very bad cold. The rest of the family are well. You wrote to me that I had a new cousin. I think I am rising in that line. I have five little ones in Georgia and Florida since we came away. Aunt Betsy Ann has a fine son about 4 months old. His name is Abel. Artemicia had another daughter. It is about 3 months and a half old. Cousin Ireeney is married to Mr. Joseph Marion Childers. I have not been to see her but once. She was married on the 4th of April and lives two miles of us in the case I was not allowed by Mother to go there on account of a young mans boarding there for fear Ireeney and Cousin Marion would persuade

me to have him. Brother is going to school in town now. None of the rest of us is going. I would be glad to see you all but it seems like a far ways to start but I expect me and Brother will start when the weather gets cool enough not to be sickly to go to school in Thomasville. We will stay a year if not two. The country is settling up very fast. I never saw the like of girls in my life. You may go to church and the church is full of girls. In three miles and a half of town I can count 38 girls youngest 14 years old. About one young man to two girls. A Mr. Ausburn moved in to Jasperville from the upper part of Georgia. Brough six grown daughters and not a single son. Mr. Smith from Tennessee and Mr. Black from Arkansas brought a son and daughter apiece. I will now drop this subject. Turn to next page.

We have preaching two weeks. The Methodist Circuit rider and a Baptist preacher from West Florida by the name of Vining and sometimes the ------(?) Baptist. Mr. Vining preached today. I received a letter from Susan Pearce and Jane Braswell. They stated that all was well. I have forgotten to tell you Artemitia's baby's name. It is Sarah. Uncle Fabeans Adamses daughter Angeline has a fine son about a week old. Thomas and Larance Wood that came out last fall has got in with two good farmers and are doing well. We have a printing office commenced in Jasperville.

I will now come to a close. You must write to as soon as you can. Give my love to all and especially to Aunt Sarah, Uncle Samuel, Cousin Caroline and family and kiss her little pigs for me. Tell them to write to me and Ruth especially for she can write anytime at school. I now enclose you with the best wishes of my heart.

I remain your affectionate niece,

Nancy Haseltine Blewett to
Miss Rebecca S. Blewett

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Thomasville, Georgia August 26, 1851

Dear Aunt:

I now seat myself to write to you once more as I promised to write to you soon, but it has been some time. We are all well except bad colds. I have been very sick with cold but are some better. Brother is well but his little toe nail is coming off. Aunt Susan has got a fine daughter and has named it Susan. It was born on the 29th of July. She seems very smart. She says she has fared better this time than she ever has before. Aunt Rebecca we had one of the hardest storms last Saturday and Saturday night I think I ever saw or heard of in my life. Thomasville looks like a deserted place. The wind did a great deal of harm but I have not heard of anyone being hurt except one of the Efran Ponders negroes had his knee broke by one of the posts that covered the brick kiln. Aunt Lodoiska, Uncle James and Susan and the baby came up week before last. They left Susan to go to school and started home Saturday morning and only got 11 miles when they were obliged to stop and so many trees blowed down they could not go on and could not come back. They were at the same place Saturday evening. Susan is nearly as tall as me. She started to school Monday. Aunt, all of father's family has had and has got the measles. Perhaps we will get a letter from home tonight and I will tell you all about it. Thursday 27 I received a letter from Catherine Walters. They were all well. She says they had got a good wheel and loom and had spun the warp and piling of four dimity counterpanes and wove them. She had a piece of cloth in at that time for Mother. She said Smith and Rosey had been there that week. They were all well. Cousin Nancy had just missed the chill air fever. Mr. Bishop wrote a short piece in it to me. He says he thinks he will move out on the river next winter. He says I must set my cap for some of the young men in Jasper as there is several newcomers there. Mother was very bad off with the measles. Aunt, I suppose you heard of Ireeney's fine boy. She has never written to me yet. I received a letter from Mother some two weeks ago. She told me to tell Brother she wanted to see him to get ready and for us to start home in October but he says he does not expect to start until after examination. Aunt Rebecca tell Uncle Wiley to try to

come over and bring you before we start home. Aunt Susan says she would be glad to see you and tell Aunt Sarah to try to come to see us for she has no children to take care of and she and Uncle Samuel could come this fall. Brother has not decided which way he shall go, start to go home. He says now he thinks it is as good a way to go by Bainbridge. Simeon has not got back from the North yet. We received several letters from him since he went off. He was in New York when he wrote last and very well and also well pleased. He had been to Providence, Rhode Island and was very well pleased with the city. We look for him home the first of September. I was at a Protracted meeting Sunday week at the old Olive Church. I had the exquipleasure of going with Miss Harriette Jones in her father's carriage. We did not stay only to hear the first evening sermon closed. Mr. Mann preached the first sermon and Mr. Cooper the first after dinner. I commenced on Friday before and held on until Wednesday and then it commenced again on Saturday and Sunday they will have preached there next Sunday and also baptizing. There is to be baptized two of preacher Lacy's daughters and one of his sons. One of the Miss Deacles and Mrs. Lucinda Everitte and I think it will cause a great stir in the school. You must write to me soon and I will tell you all about it. I heard today that New Port was all covered with water and only two houses is standing and they are filled with water, but I cannot say whether it is so. Aunt, you must give my respects to all of the neighbors and my love to Cousin John and Cousin Caroline and kiss all of the children for me and give my love to Aunt Sarah and Uncle Samuel and Uncle Wiley and tell them all to write to me. Receive the same yourself, so nothing more only

Your affectionate niece,
Nancy H. Blewett

You must not show my letters to any of the young men as my paper is bad and ink is bad and if you show it you will disgrace me forever.

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Dear Aunt:

I received your letter today and was very glad to see one more letter from your hand. This leaves us all in very good health except brother has the toothache some and more than all I am sorta mad, sorry and everything that can make me feel bad as I promised to meet some of the girls at Doctor Adamses to a social conversation party and also a young gentleman but Aunt Susan did not care to let me go tonight and brother complaining of his tooth. My nose is knocked out of joint and also the tears out of my eyes as I shall have to account for disappointing him and the girls. Aunt Rebecca, I hope that he will meet once more before we leave as brother talks of going to Bainbridge to take water and then I will tell you of some of my years life. Brother expects to start about the 16th of December and I hope to find you ready to go with us. If you will, I will come back with you in two years if you don't like the country. As I expect to come back in about that length of time tell Uncle Sam to get ready and move to Texas this fall, as there is plenty room for him. You must try to get him in the notion. Tell Aunt Sarah that she was speaking of going to the bay. If you both get ready it will be a very good chance to go with us and I know you would enjoy yourself as we will have a young Doctor along with us, almost as pretty as black eyes. He speaks of locating in Jasperville. He is a dentist and has a beautiful name, Israel Peter Richardson. (let no one see the name) I have just had my teeth worked upon by the Dr. I had 12 plugged, the two front ones filled and all scraped and cleaned for $24.00 he only charged. For the plugging he was a day and half at work so we had fine times as he is very lively. I was very sorry to hear of the Parsons visit on the same day of my boys, but for the rest I did not care. I would like to know whether he has forgotten me or not. Aunt Susan has got another girl. It was born the 29th of July. It is a red head. Susan's Cousin, Susan Smith is here going to school with me but we do not both come up to the same mark. I received a letter from father last week. He said Miss Catherine

Henderson and Mr. Charles Hancock was married the Sunday before. Brother got one from San. He said that Mr. Larance Wood and Catherine Adams was about to be married and old Fabean had got hold of it and was to cause a fuss but I hope to the very bottom of my heart that he will get her, as the family is always so ready to go head and heels in the every scrap to break it up.

Aunt, we have had some deaths here. The last month two. Mrs. Ferrel and one of her children died. This week she left an infant about two weeks old. Mrs. Fielder in town died yesterday. She also left a babe one week old. She was Catherine Adam's cousin and had only been married about a year. Mrs. Ferrel was Aunt Fanny's sister. Uncle Reddins wife had been up to see us. She was well. All of our relatives is well. You must excuse my bad writing as everyone has gone to bed and left me and I have not got any paper except half of sheets and quarters and half of quarters. Old H. Braswell has got 25 negroes down with the fever and it is doubtful if any of them lives.

Simeon has got back from the North and is contented to stay at home for sometime. He has a great deal to talk about. Dore Ann Bishop and her two children is in town staying at old Aunt Nancy Everitt's and expect to remain for some time. She came over here for her health. I called on her last Saturday evening. She did not have much to say. She expects to go to Louisiana or Texas sometime shortly. She has been over on the creek to see Mrs. Lester. She has got another girl.

I received a letter from Martha Farrell last week. She was in Montgomery, Alabama and was well. She expects to go out West this fall with Hugh and Ann and if they don't like it, the two girls will return. He has gone out to settle his plantation now. She told me about her brother James' death. He died in New Orleans. Hugh was married last summer for the second time. His first wife left an infant but it followed after her soon. She seems to be anxious to see Mother once again.

I got one from Nancy Hoge this week. She was well. Her father had been very sick but was on the mend. Her cousin, Sarah Mc, was married a few weeks before to Mr. Swicord. She was one of the bridesmaids. She says she had rather see Mother than anyone on earth. I saw E. Ann Felkel in the summer. She was up here. Cousin Charley Wilson was here about two weeks ago. She has gone home with Mrs. Coson and will not return home until Christmas. She promised to come back and spend a week with me during examination. I think she is one of the finest kind of young lady.

I expect our examination will be but short as most of our best scholars has quit. Emma Coachman has quit to go to SC to school and two more for McEmery College and 6 others on other circumstances. I will close my letter by sending my love to all and kiss little Adde and all the rest of the children for me. I would write more but my paper has given out. You must write soon if possible. If not, I can't get your letter before we start. I thought you could _____(?), but I must tell William G. Rackley is his name and single. His life is unhappy-----will be the one_____(?)

Your affectionate niece,
N. H. Blewett

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Jasper, Texas, April 12, 1852

Dear Aunt:

I now seat myself to write to you. I neglected to write when we first got home as father wrote for me. Father received one letter from Uncle Wiley since we got home and that is the only letter we have received from any of you, but I must not complain as I am no better.

All of father's family is well, except me and I am about to_____(?) out--- Aunt, I expected when I left Georgia to see it again before a year, but I have got entirely out of the notion. (Old styles are better than new ones.)

Artemissin has a girl about 3 weeks old when we got home and has named it, Nancy.

Aunt Betsey Ann has a daughter the week we got home. It's name is Sarah Blewett. Uncle Abel seems to think more of it than any of the rest of the children.

I have not seen Irreney in better than a month, but I heard she had started out on the hill again. I have laughed at her boy so much I reckon she has got ashamed of him. We had one wedding last week over in Tyler. They were both Jasper Co. people. When I left for Georgia it was Mr. Warren Bevil and Hulda Beaty and I think it is hurting the affectionate feelings of some of our Jasper people.

_____ has bought 8 negroes and some of our crowd is about to take fits, but they can't help themselves for he can buy almost any of them out. I often think of what you and me said on that subject and everything you said on both sides and is coming to pass.

Aunt Rebecca, Old Seamore Whites wife that lived in Abbeyville got here last Friday night. It seems that it was a quite happy meeting.

Old Mr. Adams came out with Doctor McMillen and stayed some two or three weeks. He was very well pleased, but thinks he is too old to move.

Brother is keeping school in our old schoolhouse and has from 25 to 30 scholars. Regina and Rose goes to him. Regina doesn't like it as well as going in town. I have been down to Mr. Cranfords and Cousin Henrys and stayed better than a week. They were all well. Mr. and Mrs. C. is to be up here this week. Mrs. Purkins went down at the same time and we had our own sport as the Mayhaws are getting ripe. Aunt, I must close my letter fro this time as it is getting late. You must excuse my bad writing and spelling. Give my love to Aunt and Uncle and tell them to write to us. So nothing more only write to me often and direct your next your next letter to Woodsville, Tyler Co., Texas, as I expect to go over there to spend the summer with some of my friends that has moved from Jasper. Write soon, do not delay and then I will tell you a secret in my next letter. Do not show any letter to anyone.

Your affectionate niece,
N. H. Blewett

We are all about to perish together here as no one has got bread and father has sold nearly all of his corn and we have not got mush meat hardly.

I have not seen him but once and then did not speak to him. A gentleman from Louisiana came here about a month ago and spent two nights with us. In the time he saw me about two hours and went home and wrote to me and all of them are now trying to beg me to have him and they never heard of him before. Only he was collecting some money for another man but they can't see it. It is Mother and brother the most of any, but if they will not be willing for me to have who I want I will not have the one they want me to have, for he is nothing but a jackleg dandy.

Tell Aunt Sarah Jane Maria has got another boy and named it Hardy. It was 3 weeks old when we got home.

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Jasper, Texas, July 25, 1858

Dear Aunt:

I take this opportunity to write you a few lines to inform you that we are all up but there is some complaint. Regina's family is having chills and fever. She received a letter from you last week. She lost her little boy last winter. She has got another and named it James after Mr. Traylor. I have got another girl and named it Regina Caroline. It was born the 6th of February. Regina is 7 weeks younger. Nancy has got a boy two months younger than mine. Its name is William Jason. Brother has quit the Steam Mill and will move to Newton next week to put up a store. Him and Adam is partners. Father will move to the mill as soon as he gets his crop gathered. He is now clearing land at the mill. He has made a fine wheat crop this year. It is 6 miles from his house to the mill. He wants to rent or sell his place. Abby

is going deranged. The doctors say it is a disease of the brain. She is getting so they can't get but very little work out of her. She has got one child about 11 months old.

The corn crop is very good in this country. The worms are taking the cotton, potatoes is very good. We have got potatoes large enough to eat. There is a good deal of sickness in the country this year, but not much fatal.

Doctor Purkins has two boys by his last wife. Rose Altha is nearly as tall as I am and Regina is a little taller. Her and me looks like two old Whipperwills. Nancy is as large as Aunt Lucinda was when I left. Georgia tell her fro me when you see her and Uncle that I have got a girl that beats theirs. She is not six months old. Has got two teeth and can nearly sit alone and is as pretty as any for she is just like her Pa only she has got some of the Blewett color about her. Mother keeps my oldest boy, Robert. He is often called Wiley for when he laughs he is just like him. I should be glad to go back and see you all. Tell Cousin Caroline she must come to Texas. It is a good place for boys and then I will take some of her girls off her hands as the girls is all mine. Tell Uncle Sam and Aunt Sarah there is plenty of good land in Texas without going to Arkansas.

I must come to a close by asking you to write to me and write all about everyone of our connections and old friends. Our love to all,

Your Niece,
Nancy H. Beaty

You said something of the dagaretype I sent you. It is just the very picture of him and don't flatter him in the least. You must come to Texas and see for yourself.

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The following letters, signed by William, Wiley and John Blewett are of special interest inasmuch as they were written from Jasperville, (now Jasper) Texas, beginning in 1849.

John, Wiley and William Blewett, writers of these letters, were brothers of John Blewett, who wrote the interesting genealogy in 1848.

John, Wiley, Sarah and Rebecca Blewett were all children of William Blewett, II and thus grandchildren of William Blewett, Sr.

Rebecca and Sarah Blewett, daughters of William Blewett, Sr., both married Samuel Patterson.

After reading these letters you will perhaps join me in wondering why Wiley and William Blewett left Texas and returned to Georgia, where they died and are now buried.

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Through the cooperation, interest and kindness of Miss Ruth Botts, Tallahassee, Florida, a descendant of William Blewett, Sr. through William Blewett, Jr., I am about to give you some very interesting old letters and especially are these interesting to me because they dwell on conditions in Texas over a hundred years ago.

In explanation it might be well for me to say that these ancestors of Miss Botts came to Texas from Georgia, as will be outlined later and then returned to Georgia.

These letters are especially interesting not only because of their date but also because of the fact that they are written without envelopes, for in that period envelopes and postage were unknown and the writer folded the letter in such a manner as to form an envelope, which was then sealed and the address was placed on the back of the letter.

Stamps were also unknown and the postmaster handling the mail merely wrote the amount of postage on the face of the letter in lieu of stamps, collecting that amount in case. How they made accounting is unknown.

The William Blewett writing these letters was a grandson of William Blewett, Sr., who settled in North Carolina in 1746. The first letter shows an address as follows: To S. W. Paterson or B. S. (Sarah) Blewett, Bainbridge, Decatur County, Georgia. It

also shows as return address, Jasper, Texas, July 19, with the numeral 17 appearing in the upper right hand corner.

Jasperville, Jasper Co., Texas, July 17th, A.D. 1849

Dear Aunt

I have not received a word from you since I left. Now I have almost come to the conclusion that you have entirely forgotten me. I have written three letters to you, one to Uncle B and one to Aunt Sarah, but have not received a line from one of you. Sister Nancy (?) received a letter from you and you stated you had never received anything from me. I have written twice since. Aunt, if you have forgotten me I am sure I have not forgotten you. Father received a letter from Uncle Wiley but I never learned the contents of it as it was a secret affair. Dear Aunt, it grieves me a great deal to think you have forgotten me so soon------

George and Jefferson Briton wrote about four weeks ago. I suppose you have seen them before this time. When you receive this please write and write whether they are coming to this country or not. There is a great many newcomers moving to this country.

A Bird and Allcy from near Quincy are about two miles from us. They are very well satisfied with the country. Our crops are sorry in consequence of the cold and wet weather. We have not had two weeks dry weather since the middle of April raining everyday. I suppose you have had scarcely any--We will make plenty of corn and some cotton--

The sons of temperance are raging high. There is about thirty members in this country. I have not joined yet but I shall at the next meeting. They have not been here but about two months and their number increases with every meeting. Some men that were the worst drunkards when we came here does not drink a drop of the poisonous stuff--Society is improving very fast--grog shops are falling and dry goods articles on as good terms as we could in Thomasville--Lands are good enough or a person can make as much as they can gather. We have circuit preaching in Jasperville once in four weeks. The gorceries were shut all day and I suppose they had a ball that night.

Mr. Bishop is going about twelve miles from this place. His health is not very good. He has become better satisfied than he was. Henderson is about nine miles from us. Uncle Abel about three miles. They will all make a plenty for a support for next year. I and Bishop employ all of hour leisure time in hunting.

This leaves us all in good health. We have not had any symptons of fever in Fathers family. All of the company that came out with us are well.

Nothing more of interest at present except my best regards to all of our relations and inquiring friends and receive the same yourself.

(Son of John Blewett, nephew of Wiley)

With sentiment of regard and esteem
I remain your only nephew, William B.

The second letter bears a date of August 14, 1849, from Jasperville, Jasper Co., Texas and on the face of the letter is "Miss R. S. Blewett, Bainbridge, Decatur Co., Georgia, with a return address in the upper left hand corner of Jasperville, Texas August 15--in the upper right hand corner the numeral 18.

R. S. Blewett
Bainbridge, Decatur Co., Georgia

Dear Aunt:

I now embrace the opportunity of answering your kind address of July 22nd, which I received last mail. It affords us much pleasure to learn that you were all well. This leaves us all well at present. Aunt, I had began to think you had entirely forgotten me. I have written 3 letters to you but I suppose you had not received any of them when you wrote. I have nothing of importance to write you. I am going to school in Jasperville to a very good teacher he has 35 scholars. Sister

Nancy and Regina are going to a school 2 miles from home. I should have went to him also but he made a rule prohibiting any scholars from using tobacco in school*. He has about 25 scholars. There is a singing shcool in Jasperville if we can get books. We have Methodist preaching once in four weeks. Society is improving rapidly as all of the gamblers and swindlers are gone to California and the Sons of Temperance are making great ravages. There is about 70 sons in this county. The larger portion of them were drunkards six months ago. Aunt, sometimes I study about you so much I almost think I am in Georgia again. I would be very glad to see you and all of my relation and friends but I can not say that I ever shall but if nothing happens to me I shall try to come back in about two years. As for hour crops we will make plenty of corn and sugar but little cotton as the worms are in it now thick. As for the health of the country it is generally good, except the mumps are pretty thick though. They have not reached us yet--and I am in hopes will not. I have not heard of but two deaths in our country since we came here. I am sorry to hear of so many with you. But glad to hear some of them can get married. Give my best respects to Uncle B and Uncle Sam. Tell them they do not know anything about building sawmills. I have seen several here that would cut a thousand feet in a day. If they will ask the Brutons? they can describe them.

Give my respects to Uncle Wiley. Tell him if he intends coming West he would do well to come and look at this part of the world. It would suit any Georgian or Floridian.

There is no Baptist Church in this section except the Primitive. I wish to be remembered by all of you. Nothing more at present except my best respects to all of my uncles and aunts and cousins, Caroline and all inquiring friends if any, and receive the same yourself.

I remain your true and affectionate nephew until death,

(Son of John Blewett
Nephew of Wiley)

William Blewett

*In my boyhood days some of the boys surreptitiously chewed tobacco in the schoolroom, so I can appreciate what this meant to some of the boys in this day and time.

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Dear Aunt:

I wrote to you sometime in July and directed to Bainbridge, but I find from a letter from David B. to father that you are staying with him. I will therefore direct this to Columbia with the hope of getting an answer. I should have written you again before this time if I had not become a public man. As such I do not stay at home but little and have not much time to write. I was elected District Surveyor in August and have been from home nearly ever since.

I have been making about $75.00 per month for the last two months and will thru the winter. In summer I shall stay at home most of the time. We have a very exciting time here with the young folks. Saml. S. Adams was married on the 17th next to Miss Susan Smith, daughter of the Hon. G. W. Smith, Member to Congress. Regina is to be married on the 8th to a Mr. _____(?) Trailor, a widower with several children. He is a very fine man with a good property. Still, I should be like the widow Ashley. I should not like the white patches. He is a fine looking man of about 30 years of age. This is also a great country for children. Aunt has another girl and Mrs. Bishop another boy and so many others that I cannot name them all. Little John Crawford Blewett is doing nicely. He is beginning to walk and will soon be a man. I wish you could see him. He is one of the prettiest and smartest little fellows you ever saw. Robert C. Beattie is getting to be a considerable boy. He can talk a little and run all about.

We had a very destructive storm of wind and rain on the 21st of September. Almost ruined our cotton crops and corn that had not been gathered. The estimated loss of this country was fifty dollars. We lost almost everything on our bottom land. The

creeks were at least 3 feet higher than has been known for the last twenty years. I lost about 3 bales of cotton and one third of my corn. I shall make about 111 bales. But I think I shall have to buy some corn. Father was not injured so much as he cultivated upland. Morals and religion is rather on the ascendency in this section. When we came here there was not a single Baptist Church in this section. There are at this time three. About 411 members and some additions almost every meeting. I will send you a minute of this Association as soon as they come out. If you should see any person that intends moving this winter you may tell them provisions are high and scarce. I will come to a finis as I expect you will be wearied with trying to read my scribbling hand. Trusting you will remember me and hoping that if we meet no more on earth that we will on the other side of Jordan. This leaves us all in good health. Hoping it may find you the same.

Your most affectionate nephew,

(Nephew of Wiley) WM. Blewett (Son of John Blewett)

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The fourth letter is dated Jasper, Texas, November 23, 1852--also to his aunt.

Dear Aunt:

Having not heard from you in several months I have thought it probable that you had forgotten our Post Office. I have therefore thought it proper to drop you a few lines so that you may know where to direct yours.

I am still living down on my farm 2½ miles south of Jasper, but if I can sell my land this summer I expect to go down on the river and go into the Lumber business with Father. We expect to put up a steam mill and ship our lumber to Galveston. We have not heard from any of you in so long that we have almost come to the conclusion that you have entirely forgotten us though I hope it is only neglect.

I was down at Father's yesterday. His family are all well and all of your relatives and old Georgia friends are well so far as I know.

We have had the coldest winter that I ever experienced. The ground has been frozen nearly ever since Christmas (with a few exceptions) until a few days past. The weather at this time looks a little like spring. The corn crop of this section of the country turned out tolerably well but owing to the scarcity in the adjoining boundaries it is worth from .80 to $1.00 per bushel.

The immigration this year is quite small to this state. Anderson Crawford of Carly County has moved to this county. He is at this time gone back after his family. Dr. Perkins went with him. Moses Greyton stopped several days in the neighborhood when he was out in the fall. He told us of the death of several of our old acquaintances, among others that of Blewett Williams. I believe there has none of you died or married since I wrote you (except our infant which only lived a few hours). If our country is not increasing in population as fast as we could desire we can have the pleasure of saying that it is improving in morals and religion as fast as any country I ever saw. The Baptists are in the lead and if we had a few efficient ministers in a few years it would be a prominent denomination in this country. Old Parson N. W. Maund, preaches for us in this County and he is considered as talented as any in our Association. I have deferred writing sometimes in order to send you a minute of the Association but have not received them yet.

The Iron Wheel, written by Mr. Graves of Tennessee, has created some feeling between the Baptist and Paedobaptist though I hope not to the injury of the Great Cause. Tell Uncle Wiley that we would be glad if he could come out and look at our country and spend some time with us. I think if he was to come back; that he would move.

Nancy says you are always writing about little Nanny and that she weighs 130 pounds and if you see Mr. Garyton and wish to know how she looks he can tell you as he saw her down at Father's not knowing who she was. Scrutinized her very closely.

Please let us hear from you soon, and you will oblige your nephew,

(Brother of Wiley, Sarah & Rebecca Blewett) William Blewett

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A letter dated Jasper, Jasperville County, Texas, February 4, 1851 written by John Blewett, who was William Blewett's father, addressed to his sisters, Rebecca and Sarah.

Sisters Rebecca and Sarah:

It has been some time since I have written to Brother Wiley as I having learned by letter from William that he expected to go this winter to North Carolina so I will address this letter to you. Myself and family are well. Bishop and family are hearty I understand that it is reported in your Country that John Bishop is dead and died here. It is not so. The last letter received here from him acknowledged his second marriage. John was here last June. Abel and family are well. John Henderson and family are all well. Rueben duBose and family are. Old Joe is about to live again on the same place where he lived last. This is not a common thing you know for him to do. I expect the old lady makes him stay. They have both been disappointed in each other and 'tis reported that they disagree among themselves. The Country generally is healthy. We have had a very cold winter with not a great deal of rain. With some little snow. It has been a much better winter for burning brush and logs than it was last winter. In one or two weeks more I shall have my logs and brush all cleaned off and be ready to plough. I have cleared since I got here about 85 acres which makes my farm now about 185 or 190 acres. I have a plenty of corn for use. Corn is scarce and sells at $1.00 per bushel. I have to buy some of my meat. Shall get it from New Orleans. Most fattened pork is worth here from $3.00 to $4.00 per hundred pounds. Joshua Grant has given his son, William four good hands (2 men and 2 women) and 400 acres of land, including 40 or 50 acres of his farm.

William now has a fair chance to do well. He has to to himself. His wife is improving and health and can ride a little on horseback. Joshua Crain has married Manda Jane Histes. In age they are unequally matched. I saw William Crawford a few days ago. His family are all we.. He lives near Cousin Henry H. Thomas. I and Sarah will go to see them soon---should have been before now but can't leave home on account of one of the Negro women. Cousin Henry's two oldest children (daughters) are droll looking children. Their backs appear to have given away and their heads have shrunk down to the shoulders. He has seven children four sons his youngest is a daughter. His boys are all smart little fellows. One of our old Richmond County Bosticks is here. He moved from Gadsden Co. here. He is a connection of ours--so Cousin Henry tells me.

Our church is yet quite small. Our preacher (E. Vining) is not very acceptable to all, especially the women, because he has a wife in Georgie Jefferson County and I am fearful he will not be successful for he is quite rigid in his manners and expressions and he is not trying to make a rule in the church to receive no one who drinks any spirits. Sobriety in the church is good but I know of no such a test for fellowship by Christ.

I hope you will all look on this letter as to you all for I expect you all to see and I shall look for some of you to answer it. I understand that, with you in Decatur and the surrounding country--money is plenty and property high.* When things are high then there is a chance for a fall. You have all seen revulsions, and may look for it again. The spirit of speculation has not made much show among us here yet. Tell Ira Sanburn that we have some of the best creeks here for driving machinery that I ever saw. I wish he would come here and put up a cotton factory. Things and people here all strange to you, so they would be of no interest to you. Write to me the news of your country. I should be glad to see you all and as this can't

be now let us write occasionally. Give my respects to Cousin William and family and take to yourselves my assurance of love for you all.

J. Blewett (John)

*What would he think if he were living in this day and time?

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Lockhart, Texas
June 8, 1871

Dear Sam and Rebecca:

Yours with picture came to hand in due time, and I now write you again. We have all been well except colds. Lucinda had an attack of billious colic some six weeks ago, but soon recovered. The health of the country is good. Crops are generally good--more corn and less cotton planted than last year. Before the war a good deal of wheat, oats, rye and barley was raised in this section, but none sowed since the war. The high price of cotton ruined grain raising. I have about four acres of oats, which is all the small grain I have heard of in this country. My oats would have been very fine, but for the cuckleburs and other weeds, and besides it was rather dry in March and April. On the 24th of April we had a good season, and then again on the 9th of May and again from 18th to the 20th we had repeated showers, but on the night of the 24th of May we had one of Texas' great rains. It commenced about 10 o'clock at night and rained the whole night through, giving us 4 or 5 inches of rainfall, causing considerable freshets in our streams, but no overflows. Though we were rather dry here and further west, yet north and east of us, there was too much rain all the spring. It has been too wet about Austin, in 30 miles of us. My own crop is good. I planted about 3 acres of corn the last of February, now getting roasting ears. My cotton-seven weeks old, irregular stand, in from half thy high down to 6 inches, the most of it is knee high.

I got a letter from Traylor in Jackson County about a week ago. They have been very dry down on the coast again this year. The letter was dated a bout the 20th of May. I learn the great rain of the 24th gave them a perfect flood down there, and they have been having too much rain ever since. Sally Blewett with William's children are there with Regina. Traylor went to Jasper last fall with a drove of horses and returned just before we left Colorado, and Sally with him. They called and stayed all night with us. She will remain with Traylor till next fall, and sends me word to go down and see her before she goes back, and I must try to do so. It is a little over a hundred miles from here. My noble little creek roared and pitched and foamed over its numberous shoals, all through the two months of dry weather, as bold as a mill tail. There is a fine mill seat in about two hundred fifty yards of my house where the water falls at least 10 feet in going from 30 to 50 yards. I wish you were here to build a mill on it. Plenty of water to run a turbine wheel all this spring.

Lucinda says tell you she is much better pleased here than in Colorado, and says she feels that she would be perfectly satisfied if Rebecca and Sam were here--says tell them to come and buy out Mrs. King a short mile below--a good place--350 acres at $2000.

We have caught some fine fish lately - trout, blue cat and perch. Sally is getting more milk and butter than she can use, and is putting up butter to send to Austin, where the price is 30 to 40¢ per lb. We are getting plenty of milk and butter, more than we can use, but butter in Lockhart is only worth 15¢. Dr. Arnold is making money enough for family expenses - Make corn enough to do them.

Sally is well pleased and says she will write Rebecca soon.

This leaves us all in excellent health except myself. My own health is still improving slowly. I eat hardy and feel generally well, but these pains are sort of

set fast with me. I have been trying to hew me some sills to add a shed room and dining room to my house, but hewing excites these joints in my breast and shoulders so much that I can't hew much at a time.

I wrote about our cold winter here. For two or three weeks we had moderate weather, but night before last about midnight, there came up a severe "norther" and it hailed and snowed all the balance of the night, driving through the boards on the roof and through the cracks of the body of the house, until it covered our beds and floor with the snow and hail, and it continued to snow by short spells all day yesterday, with the driving wind, made it one of the most disagreeable nights and days we have experienced since we have been in Texas. Extremely cold the whole time, freezing milk and eggs. This evening it has cleared up, but is still very cold, very little thawing in the sunshine. The snow would have been about a half an inch deep, but the wind was so strong that it was all blown aways off of the hills into the lower places. I see from the papers that the cold of the northern states have been severe in the extreme. I have no doubt but Northern Texas is the best part of the state, but the "northers" of winter are too severe for me and then the great distance from market makes groceries very high there even with railroads. St. Louis is competing with Galveston for the trade of Northern Texas, but the difference of distance in favor of Galveston is so great that it will surely be impossible for St. Louis to succeed, with Galveston's Seaport advantages, besides that of distance. But, St. Louis has built her railroads into Texas, and has billed all Northern Texas with her agents and spared no expense in advertising in the papers of that section of the state, and inasmuch as many well to do citizens of that section are from Missouri and other Western states she will get a liberal patronage for a time, but the cotton and flour of Northern Texas will surely not go by St. Louis to find the cheapest transit to the markets of the world. These leading exports from Northern Texas must go, either by Galveston or New Orleans, and Galveston is better than New Orleans by a half to 3/4 of a cent on the pound.

The aggregate cotton crop of Texas will reach, this season, near six hundred thousand bales, nearly one sixth of the whole cotton crop of the South, and with the rate of increase for the last four years, in ten years more she will put into market as much cotton as all the cotton states besides.

Our new democratic legislature is organized and making rapid headway in the direction of reform. It was thought that the radicals would attempt to frustrate the organization by setting up an opposite organization as in Louisiana, Alabama and Arkansas, but they were too weak. The deomcratic and conservative majority was to overwhelming. I must close-write as soon as you get this. Remember us to all friends.

W. J. Blewett

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July 18th, 1867
Thomasville, Ga.

S. W. Patterson
Dear Bro:

After repeated delays on our trip home from Texas, I arrived on last Sunday evening, and was truly happy to get back and find all well. Lucinda has been in a good deal of trouble about me, because I did not arrive by the 2nd Sunday as I had appointed; and again she had, what she thought to be, an ominous dream about me several times. The dream was that I appeared before her dressed in black, but soon vanished out of sight. This she dreamed three times, but my arrival dispelled her troubles.

I enjoyed good health in my journey in Texas until I started from Abel Adam's on my way down to Sabine Pass. I had dysentary and was caught in a heavy rain - took a chill and had a smart fever that evening and a light fever the next evening; but took medicine and arrested the fever, but have not felt entirely well since, but I never

stopped traveling on account of my sickness. The liver water in Western Texas completely cured me of dispepsia. After the first day or so, I had no further use for my soda, and did not have while I traveled in Texas, but since getting back home I have felt sour symptons of a return of sour stomach.

I can't give you anything like a satisfactory result of my observations there in a short letter, so I want you and Rebecca to come over as soon as you can and then I can tell you all about it.

I will, however, mark out to you my line of travel while there, so that it you have a map you can see that I took a considerable tour.

I landed at Fort Lavaca, there took a sloop and sailed up Lavaca River to Texanna, the capital of Jackson County near which place I found my brother, John, at his brother-in-law's, James Traylor. Here we stayed a week, bought pony and went west to Victoria on the Guadalupe River, thence up that river on the west side to Clinton, the County Seat of Dewit County. Thence across and up on the east side of the River to the northern part of the county - thence east across the northern part of Lavaca County - thence through Fayette County to Lagrange, the county seat - thence through Washington County by Independence and Washington at which place we crossed the River Brazos, and six miles beyond to Navasota where General Blackshere lives with whom we stayed a few days - thence north, up between Brazos and Navasota Rivers, passing through Brazos and Robertson Counties - thence on through Limestone and Freestone Counties - thence east across the Trinity, through Anderson, Houston, Trinity, Angellina to Jasper. My choice of all I passed through is Jackson, Victoria, Dewit or Lavaca Counties. Living in these counties is as abundant and as cheap as you could ask. Come over.

W. Blewett

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Lockhart, Calwell County, Texas
June 5, 1873

Dear Sam and Rebecca:

My health is about the same. I have been using a strong mineral well water in this neighborhood for the last two or more weeks, since I came back from the Fair & Bay, but I don't think that it has benefited me so far. The balance of us are in good health. For the last two weeks or more, we have had the wetest spell of weather, I think, that I have ever seen in any country. We have not been able to work any in the farm more than two or three days in the time. The rains have not been very heavy, except one or two, but we have had several wet weather showers every day, except a few, during the time. This continued wet spell is unfortunate just now, as the farmers are now compelled to harvest their oats, wheat and barley, or loose them by getting dead ripe. My oats, being volunteer, coming up on the stubble, are not as forward as others, but if the rains do not stop in a few days, I shall loose them. Last night we had an unusual heavy rain with violent winds and thunder, and I hoped it was the winding up of wet weather, but we have heavy thunder storms again today. My corn crop is looking fine - is just in a good way of selding and tasseling, but the wet weather has made it succor worse than I ever saw - frequently four or five suckers to the stalk. Cotton is about half-leg to knee-high and just beginning to bloom. Fortunately I had my crop in good condition when the wet weather set in, but unless the rains soon stops, the cotton will get foul. I begin this letter today, but may not finish it in a week or so. Thus making a sort of journal of it.

June 6th. Thunder showers again today but mostly missed us. Cut a few oats in the evening. Grasshoppers numerous, but mostly native. The army grasshoppers was not numerous in this section, and what few there were are gone but the native grasshopper did a right smart damage to corn crops around the edges of the fields last year, and they are as many again this year as last. They took to my oats and have eat nearly all the leaves off, so that my oats will be worth but little for

horse feed in the straw. I made but few potatoes last year and the year before, on account of the dry weather. I had but few draws this year, but I am trying to get out a good big patch. This is a great potato country, where we have anything like seasons, but last year was too dry in late summer and fall for pototoes and sugar cane. There are only a few who try to raise the sugar cane, but some make it on low bottom land, of the finest kind the driest years that come. They made fine crops of it down on San Marcus last year. I have not tried it here, but I intend to do so, for it pays as well as better than almost anything else. Sugar 15¢ and syrup $1.00 per gallon here in the country. I believe I got your last letter before I wrote you last. You say one of the Menair boys had come home perfectly disgusted with Texas. He is a smart fellow, to come out to Northern Texas in middle of winter, and leave before the spring fairly opened, just to witness one of the most severe and disagreeable winters and early springs that ever comes to Texas, and then go back disgusted. That is a smart way to estimate the merits of a country. His brother has certainly shown much better sense and judgment to stay and see the country in the more favorable seasons of spring and summer and see how the various crops grow and mature in different portions of the state.

June 7th. Heavy thunder showers yesterday evening, and then last night, a great rain came up from northwest with strong wind, which the people here in Texas would call a norther, although no colder than any thunder storm from the north or northwest in Ga. or Florida. The thunder storm last night was not very violent but lasted about four hours, giving us a heavy rain and full creek but not quite an overflow. This morning the wind is moderate from the northwest, but from appearances the wet spell of weather is over for this time.

As I want to go to Lockhart this evening to attend the meeting of the agricultural club, I will try and finish my letter and mail it.

I believe the coast of Galveston bay is one of the best sections I have ever seen in any country, to make a living easy in. Fresh butter can be sold to private families in Galveston there around at from 50¢ to 65¢ per lb. Irish potatoes are worth $2.50 a bushel and frequently a dollar and a half. Garden vegetables are ready sale at all times at good prices, and they can be raised in the greatest abundance. Everybody pretends to raise all these articles together with melons and fruits for market, but the gardens and orchards are not over half cultivated. I visited the best cultivated farm and garden, so said, on Clear Lake and the cultivation of that brag place was far from good cultivation. This man had corn, sea island cotton, sugar cane, fruit trees, peaches were in full bearing, but the apples and pears were young and just beginning to bear. This man (a Mr. Menard, frenchman) gave his entire attention to his farm and garden while the most of the people down there depend more upon boating than the farm saying that boating paid them better than the farm and garden. Clear Lake is generally four or five feet deep - too shallow to allow boats larger than sloops and small shcooners. I saw no fruits in cultivation over the prairies except strawberries, the blackberries are abundant over the prairies around the farms, and thrown out patches.

I saw at the Fair, many new and useful inventions. The best thing I saw in the line of agricultural implements was a cotton chopper and cultivator combined - 4 plows 2 scrapers before, to clean the bed of grass, weeds, stalks, trash, there the chopper followed, chopping the cotton in hills of any desired distance, and then followed 2 small sweeps to dirt the cotton. This machine was constructed in the best possible manner, as it seemed to me, to accomplish the work designed. This machine is a Texas invention, as the most of the new inventions on exhibition were, in the line of agricultural implements. Among other Texas patents there was one for destroying the cotton capperpillar, the effectivemess of which was well established by reliable testimony. James Stephens, who used to live in Thomasville is the agent for Florida, and he told me at the Fair he should start for Fla. on his agency in a few weeks. The material for destroying the worms, is furnished on a credit, taking a note with the condition that if the application does not completely destroy the worms, the note is to be null and void, but if it does kill, then you pay about $1.50 per acre.

W. J. Blewett

Caldwell County, Lockhart, Texas
November 1, 1872

Dear Sam and Rebecca:

As I promised to write you monthly, while my health continues bad I now write you again, though I have received no hearing from you, but I hope to get a letter from you soon. This leaves us all well except myself, and I am slowly improving, I hope, but am satisfied that I have lost about all that I had gained before I took erysipalis of which I am now about well, but my old dispeptic habits are about as bad as they were before I came to Texas. The pains in my breast that I wrote you about last, I am now satisfied, was all caused by the inflammation of my liver and stomach, and indeed I have all my old symptons pretty much. I am thinkung and talking of traveling and camping out for a month or so, hoping that will relieve me. Elijah says he will go with me, and Dr. Arnold is also talking of going, as he wants to see the country, but Sally has just been confined and I don't know whether he can leave home as soon as I shall want to start. Sally has a fine son. I don't know whether I shall be able to get off or not. If I get off I purpose to visit our Blewett relatives in Northern Texas and look at that country before I return, but I fear I shall be too late to get me a cheap place, for they have already commenced work on the Pacific RR at Dallas (the point of crossing the central RR) and the work is going on both east and west from Dallas, and Col. Scott assures me that 500 miles of the road will be completed within the next twelve months and besides the Missouri Kansas and Texas RR is now completed to Red River, and three thousand emigrants have already arrived on that road and many of them are settling in Parker and Wise Counties, and if this be so, lands have already gone up. *Old Cousin Jim Blewett who lives in Wise Co. wrote me about six weeks ago that lands could then be bought cheap in his county.

I am done gathering cotton and shall finish gathering corn in a week or so. My cotton turned out about two thirds of a bale to the acre and my corn, I think, will turn out 40 bushels to the acre, but corn is only 30 to 40¢ per bushel and will bring nothing of account. I shall fatten all the hogs I can, hoping that bacon will bring more than corn, but we only have about a doz meat hogs, which will make about 1200 to 1500 pounds of pork. I expect pork will sell for not over 4 or 5 cents per pound, altho there are but few acorns this year, yet corn is so plenty, that people will fatten a great many hogs.

This has been an unusual dry fall, even for Texas. We had but four rains in July and August, 2 in each month, and in September we had as good as none, but little in the first part of October but we have had heavy rains of late which has hindered us in gathering corn.

I have had no letter from Burt Madre lately and don't know what my prospect is for getting money from Ga. but from what I hear, I fear the crops are bad there and money scarce.

We are now sending all our children to school but John don't go regular, for he has been afflicted with little boils, at first on his ankles and legs, but are now coming on his thighs. The little fellow is nothing but a little wuzel - don't grow much. Wi. J. is growing finely, and as for Will, he a great big double jointed boy - his feet are nearly as large as mine. Cousin Lucy is more fleshy then when we left, but nearly kills herself working. **Lucinda quit smoking in the summer and fattened up smartly, and has now taken to the pipe again, she says to keep down her fat, she snuffs and smokes both. I have been trying to quit tobacco entirely here lately, but I find it no easy task. I have not succeeded yet, but think I will. Rebecca, Lucinda says she has intended to write you often, but it looks like she can't do it. She is so much out of practice, it is a task to write. She says she can't get over her hankering back for Georgia. All the rest of us have got clear of the complaint, I believe. With our most sincere regards and love we close this letter.

W. J. and Lucinda Blewett

Next Tuesday is presidential election. Texas ought to give Greely 20,000 majority with a fair election; but that can't be had under Grant's military nile at the polls. There is no chance for a fair election under a corrupt administration.

Cousin Lucy says tell you, she would not give Texas for all the countries she ever day in her life - to toating manure here.

*The old Cousin Jim Blewett referred to in the above letter was my great-grandfather, James Love Blewett, who at that time resided in Wise County, Texas. And the other Blewetts mentioned in that same paragraph was doubtless my father and his brothers.

**Old Lucinda smoking her pipe was in the same position that the women smoking cigarettes are today.

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Caldwell County, Lockhart, Tex.
February 19, 1873

Dear Sam and Rebecca:

Rained yesterday and looks like rain again today - very warm and cloudy.

" And you hear so many conflicting reports about Texas you don't know what to think". Well, I will explain. In the first place all sorts of people have come and are still coming to Texas - some of them never made a living anywhere, and never will, if they had the Garden of Eden, such people will come to grief in Texas as well as in other countries. A great many come to Texas very ignorant - hardly got sense enough to find their way to mill in the country where they were born and raised, such people were always poor and always will be, but there are others who come to Texas who are naturally smart enough to make a living, but they are ignorant of the good and bad sections of the state, and therefore are misled by designing men to settle in very unfavorable sections, where the country is bad and the people are bad, and of course they do very badly. In 1867, when I was looking at the country in East Texas I met up with a couple of families from Randolph County, Georgia and they were in a miserable poor country, and doing very badly. I said to them what in the world did you settle here in this poor country for, when there is so much good country in Texas; and they replied we did not know any better - we are strangers and the people were all strange - and now we are not able to go anywhere else. But to talk of well informed intelligent farmers coming to Texas, and in two years get so poor they can't go back or anywhere else, is simply ridiculous. Again, the papers are publishing the most ridiculous falsehoods about the condition of things here in Texas. My last home journal - a weekly agricultural paper - there is an article from Alabama in the form of a dialogue between two intelligent farmers - a major and a Col. - the Major is in favor of moving to Texas and the Col. against Texas, and it is astonishing to see the notorious falsehoods stated by the Col against Texas. Among other things he states that nine tenths of the farms in Texas are for sale, and if it were possible to sell at a price sufficient to enable the owners to get back to the states, they would all come back. There was a more palpable falsehood than Col.'s statement. There are a few who sell out and move back after the first year or so on account of disappointment of the women-folks, but it is generally the case that after they come back and see the difference between their old poor country and Texas, they become the most dissatisfied people in the world, and they never rest till they get back to Texas. I knew several families to do this in Colorado, and there are several up here in this country. The mud and bad houses of the prairies are almost sure to cause women to fall out with Texas for the first year or so, but a good crop or two will generally quiet our women if they have any sense, and dispose them to put up with these ills till we can do better.

I reckon Tom Bremson has sense to make a judicious choice of a good section to settle in, and if he has, and has got any boys to help him you need have no fears about his doing well. My advice to all poor men like Bremson is to settle in some

good timbered country in East Texas.

Three families have arrived in Houston County from Thomas Co., Ga. by my direction. (Bob Pawamore and family - Elijah Ward and family - Stephen Carrell and family) in all some 40 souls. My reason for advising to settle in the timber is because the expense of building, fencing and other improvements in the prairies are so great that a poor man can do better on poorer lands, with plenty of timber with which he can do his own building. You think Sea Island cotton will not do, even at high prices, I think differently. The poor long staple cotton we use to raise in Thomas & Decatur, us to pay as well and better than the short, especially after the McCarthnery gin got in use, but the trouble of preparing it for market was the difficulty with negroes, but with the fine quality raised on Galveston Bay will about double the short cotton. Mr. Clark or Clear Lake wrote me some few weeks ago that his long staple cotton turned out 250 pounds of lint after paying the toll, per acre. At this rate, at average price of cotton, an acre would give $187.50, and 8 acres, which a hand could cultivate, besides his other crop, would give $1,500.00. With hired labor, the profits would not be over half, but I don't propose to work hired labor. All I want to have is good health, good market, and make a bountiful living from all I can learn, I can do this on Galveston Bay, and not be annoyed with mosquitoes and sandflies either. I now propose to visit that locality, from the 6th to 12th of May - the 12th is the commencement of State Fair of Texas. I should be glad to meet you there at the Fair. During the summer, I propose to visit Northern Texas and see my Blewett kin.

I will write you in reference to Western Texas, according to your request in my next. Love to all,

W. J. Blewett

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Columbus, Texas
November 25, 1870

Dear Sam and Rebecca:

Your kind letter of the 12th (?) is just at hand. This leaves us well except little Wija has cold. I got back yesterday from a trip of looking at the country between Waco and Austin along the foot of the mountains, which is regarded as the finest healthiest portion of the State. The towns along this line are beginning at San Antonio, New Braunfels, San Marcus and Austin in West Texas, and Round Rock, Georgetown, Salado, Belton, Gatesville and Waco in Middle Texas. These towns, starting at San Antonio are all is sight of the mountains as they are called, not because of their height, but because of their mountain formations, being a continuous line of range of conical upheavals of limestone rock from two to three hundred feet high, with small terraces or level tops from a few to a hundred acres. Some of these cones are sufficiently gentle on their sides to admit ascending them on horseback, while others are too steep to climb on foot. Out of this low range of mountains flows the great springs of San Antonio, Comal and San Marcus in West Texas, and the smaller springs in Middle Texas, which make Brushy Creek, the San Gabriels, the Salado and others. The waters of all these streams have a crystal cleanness surpassing the springs of Flint River. At the base of this range of mountains there is a belt of Postoaks of an average of ten miles wide with deep ravines, table lands between. Branches, hillsides of ravines, tablelands are all covered in loose hard limestone rock making the whole postoak belt one of the healthiest but ruggedest countries I ever saw. These loose-limestone rock are inexhaustible and can be broken up for fencing and building purposes and soft enough to be chiseled off to a fine finish for pillars and mantle pieces and the like. Some underground quarries are soft enough for sawing into blocks, as at Georgetown, Austin and San Marcus. Towns are generally situated on the line of meeting of the postoaks and broad prairies. All

the fences along this line of towns are made of mountain cedar, which is abundant in these mountains and along all the small creeks and ravines. Lands all along on this line are from $15 to $40 per acre for improved places, so I came back to Lockhart and bought 356 acres - 54 in cultivation, houses poor - need some repair before going into them. A constant running stream runs through the farm. Timber scarce, but enough to make out with. The soil has just enough sand to keep it from being muddy in wet weather, but very rich black sandy land. I will write B and Palcy after I get to Lockhart, and will write you also after I get settled. I have no fears by myself and little boys, with God's blessing, will be able to make plenty to live.

Lucinda sends howdy and love,

Yours in hope and love,
W. J. Blewett

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DR. WILLIAM JASON BLEWETT

I am indebted to Mrs. B. J. Quicksall, nee Eppie Blewett, of 4515 Voth Road, Beaumont, Texas, for information concerning her branch of the family which I give you below.

When I was traveling over the state from 1910 to 1914, I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Blewett in Beaumont and found him to be a very agreeable gentleman and physician of much renown in his territory. -

"My grandfather, William Blewett, was the only son of John Blewett of Magnolia Springs, Jasper County, Texas. He was Captain of the Thirteenth Texas Cavalry of the Confederate Army and died in Little Rock, Arkansas, September 19, 1862. My father, William Jason Blewett, was an only son, two brothers having died in infancy. He had one sister.

My father graduated from Tulane University Medical School. He married Adella Kyle of Jasper County; they had five children; Manie married John F. Pipkin of Beaumont. Eppie married Benj. F. Quicksall of Beaumont. W. W. married; now divorced; lives in Beaumont. Tom Stone Blewett married Willie Jenkins; he is now deceased. Helen married Albert Price and lives in Houston.

My father was a pioneer physician in Beaumont.

My brother, Tom Stone Blewett, died May 13, 1949, served as Second Lieutenant in the Air Corps in France in World War I. He has a son, William Jason Blewett, 16, who attends Schreiner Institute.

My other brother, William Wesley Blewett, has been engaged in rice farming most of his life. He was married, but is now divorced, no children.

My sister, Manie Roxie Blewett, is married to John F. Pipkin, prominent rancher of Beaumont. They have no children.

Helen lives in Houston; is married to Albert Price, who is with the Gulf Oil Co. They have one son, William Samuel Price.

I married Benjamin Franklin Quicksall, who was County Clerk of Jefferson Co. for three terms; later connected with Long Bell Lumber Co. He died last summer. I have two daughters. The eldest, Eppie, is a school teacher at South Park High School in Beaumont. She also served in the WAVES as a lieutenant for three years during World War II; was stationed at Washington, D. C. My youngest, Manie Florence, is married to Jack Whitmeyer, who is connected with Sun Oil Co. He served in the Navy four years in World War II. They have one son, Joe Ridley Whitmeyer.

I never heard of Bill and Ed Blewett, who operated a gold mine in Washington. There is a town named Blewett in Montana, but I do not know which Blewett it is named for."

You will note from Mrs. Quicksall's letter, her father's sister, Rose, married George W. Smythe of Beaumont, and when I was in Beaumont, Dr. Blewett introduced me to Mr. Smythe who at that time was a very prominent banker.

Later Mr. Smythe organized the Uvalde Rock Asphalt Co. and operated mines south

of Uvalde, where two towns, Blewett and Smythe, were built, and I now understand the mines are no longer operating and the towns have become ghost towns.

"For information about the Uvalde Rock Asphalt Co., you can write Blewett Smythe's nephew, Glenn Alvey, who is president of the Company in San Antonio.

If you wish more information on my grandfather's three sisters, I can send you that at a later date. It would take several more pages to tell all about that here. Aunt Regina married a Traylor and lived on a ranch near Edna, Texas. Aunt Nancy married Col. Beatty of the Thirteenth Texas Cavalry, C. S. A., and Aunt Rose married George W. Smythe."

It is now February, 1954 and I have been working on this genealogy for three years, and have spent considerable time, effort and money trying to accumulate some accurate information concerning descendants, but outside of my realtions of Eli K. Blewett, I haven't been very successful, so being in my seventy-second year, I deemed it proper to go ahead and close the work and get it ready for publication before it is too late.

I have written many letters to descendants of William Blewett, Jr., John Blewett, grandson of William Blewett, Sr., Wiley Blewett, Morris Blewett and Susan Blewett without much success, as many of these descendants have no information beyond their grandparents and sometimes not that much.

I realize that this is going to be rather disconnected, but it is the best I can do under the circumstances.

John Blewett's genealogy written in 1848, must be accepted as authentic and you will note that many of the descendants died without marriage, while others died after marrying and left no children, so I will make no further reference to those.

Mrs. E. L. Conrad and her sister, Mrs. E. W. Johns of Rayville, Louisiana, write me that they are descendants of William Wiley Joseph Blewett, who moved to Rayville, Louisiana about 1878 and was married to Miss Betty Heath who died shortly afterwards.

He later married Miss Etta Bowie, and of this marriage the following children were born; William Wiley Blewett, born December 2, 1899, died eighteen years later.

Susan Lucinda Blewett, born February 15, 1900, married E. W. Johns and now resides in Rayville, Louisiana.

Margaret Ann Elizabeth Blewett, born June 27, 1902, married E. L. Conrad and now resides in Rayville, Louisiana.

David Crockett Blewett, born August 25, 1905, married Alice Perkins and later divorced, now resides in Winslow, Arizona.

Robert Thomas Blewett, born October 7, 1907, died March 14, 1914.

Jessie Etta Blewett, born September 13, 1911, died October 28, 1929.

Mrs. Conrad says her father lived in Michigan for a while, but I think perhaps she may be mistaken in this as I find nothing to support any such move.

She also says that he had one brother, Rev. J. R. Blewett and a half-sister who lived in Lockhart, Texas, and the half-sister married a Dr. Arnold, which is supported by a letter from Mrs. Rose Thorn of Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Rose Thorn of Oklahoma City writes me that her grandfather, Wiley Joseph Blewett, came to Texas about 1850 and later moved near Luling, Texas at about four miles out of Lockhart.

He was born in 1859, died 1903, and married Mattie Harrison. Six children resulted from this marriage. The daughter named Jack, who now resides in Luling, Texas is married to J. N. Wells. J. R. married Donna Sykes and moved to Portland, Ore. and died in 1931, leaving eight children. Willa died in 1934. Edgar Wiley died in 1945. Jessie married V. J. Eslick and now resides in Oklahoma City. Kirby A. married Margaret Smith and now resides in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Rev. Malcolm Melvin Blewett, now pastor of the Town Creek Baptist Church, Aiken, South Carolina, and residing at 262 Green St., Augusta, Georgia, gives me the following information:

FAMILY RECORD OF WILEY J. BLEWETT
Copied from Family
Bible

Wiley Blewett and Arabella Nicholson daughter of Dr. Malcolm Nicholson were married on the sixth day of February eighteen hundred and forty four.

Wiley Blewett and Mrs. Lucinda Everett was married January 25th, 1854.

Susan Rebecca daughter of Wiley and Lucinda Blewett was born September the 8th, 1857.

William Thomas son of W. and Lucinda Blewett was born May 29th, 1859.

John Robert son of Wiley and Lucinda Blewett was born April 19th, 1862 died December 23rd, 1941.

Wiley Joseph Blewett son of Wiley and Lucinda Blewett was born October 1st, 1865.

Wiley Joseph son of Wiley and Lucinda Blewett died July 19th, 1927.

W. T. Blewett and Mattie Mae Harrison was married May the first 1878.

Letitia Lucinda Blewett daughter of W. T. and M. M. Blewett born August 26th, 1880.

Thomas Ovid Blewett born 20th of January 1883.

Kathern Roxie Blewett was borned September 23rd 1885

Willie Lorene Blewett was borned 21st day of September 1887

Wiley Edgar Blewett was borned November the 22nd 1889.

Jessie Mae Blewett was born May 26, 1894

Kirby Ashby Blewett born 22 of June, 1896

W. T. Blewett died October 3, 1903

Mrs. Arabella Blewett First wife of Rev. Mr. Blewett died on the 14th day of December 1844.

Susan Rebecca daughter of Wiley & Lucinda Blewett died 29th of September in the year of our Lord 1864

W. J. Blewett Senior was borned March the 12th 1812 died August 10th 1873

Lucy Ann Wells borned August 7, 1812, died February the 10th, 1889.

From History of the Baptist Denomination in Georgia with Biographical compendium compiled for the Christian Index.

The Franklin Steam Printing House
Jas. P. Harrison & Co. 1881

Wiley J. Blewett

It is a matter of regret that so little can be learned respecting the life of the subject of this sketch. He was born in Anson County, North Carolina, March 12,

1812. He with his parents, emigrated to Decatur County, Georgia, in 1883. In April 1834, he united with the Richland Creek Chruch, and was baptized by Elder A. Belcher.

In 1835 he was licensed by that church to preach the Gospel. Some time after this, at the solicitation of the Cotton Hill Church in Randolph County, he was ordained to the full-work of the ministry, Elder A. and J. O. Cumbie officiating.

In Florida he identified himself with the cause of Missions, and, perhaps, had an important agency in the introduction of the present articles of faith of the Florida Association. He preached along the Florida and Georgia Line, beloved by people as an earnest and faithful servant of the Lord Jesus, and was instrumental in doing great good.

In 1840 or 1841 he married Mis Malcolm, daughter of Dr. Malcolm, of Gadson Co., Florida, who died soon after.

In 1850 or 1851 he married Mrs. Everett, settled near Thomasville and gave his time to services of churches in the county. Here he labored, the Lord blessing his labor, until 1870 or 1871, when he removed to Caldwell County, Texas, where he closed his work on earth in 1874, leaving a widow and three sons to mourn his loss.

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Foy O. Blewett of Camille, Georgia writes me that he is a half-brother of Reverend M. M. Blewett and that he is thirty five years old and is a son of John Robert Blewett, who died December 21, 1941, and a grandson of William J. Blewett.

He also writes me that his father's brother, Will, was killed in the sheriff's office in Lockhart, Texas, which none of the others seem to have mentioned before.

THOMAS GARTON BLEWETT, SR. AND HIS DESCENDANTS

This chapter will be devoted to the biography of Major Thomas Garton Blewett, The First, and his descendants, but I feel it is necessary for me to make a few explanatory remarks before giving you the history and genealogy of this distinguished gentleman, which has been prepared by his grand-daughter, Mrs. Mary Blewett Carothers of Citronelle, Alabama and Mrs. Randall Blewett Schlater of Greenwood, Mississippi, for, while I think they have covered the subject quite thoroughly, I would like to give you some additional information.

One item I find not included in any of these histories is an exise tax receipt which I give you below:

No. 21

(1)

UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE

Collector's Office 2 District of Mississippi

Jackson, October 5, 1856

RECEIVED of T. G. Blewett, Sr.

Eight-Hundred and Two 32/100 Dollars for Excise Tax on

Fifty-seven bales of Cotton $802.32

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Total----------$802.32

being amount assessed on his list for October , 1856

$802.32

Clem C. Eiland, Collector

This is the first information I have of any such tax which were collectable in 1856, but I do find them operating during and after the Civil War.

When I was in Mississippi in 1951, I talked to some of the old settlers who made references to a law suit against Thomas Garton Blewett, II, filed by his son, Claude, but notice no mention is made of this law suit in any of the writings.

Mrs. Wilda McElhenny of 64 The Downs, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, wrote me that she had the bed that Thomas Garton Blewett, Sr. had made, being an enormous four poster with a high canopy, measuring 6' 10" by 6' 10" and 104" high, which necessarily required steps to be used in getting in and out of bed. Mrs. McElhenny has promised to send me a picture of this bed, which I may be able to include in this book.

In addition to the articles prepared by Mrs. Mary Blewett Carothers, she also wrote me, some time previous, a brief synopsis which I think it proper to give you here, although perhaps it may be repetition of some of the information contained

in her writings. -

"William Blewett was born in England in 1719 and came to the United States when young, but we have no record of his life or work until much later, but he must have been a young man of intelligence and business ability, for legend in the family is that he owned most of what is now the business section of Philadelphia, and later as he accumulated wealth, he was indifferent to his Pennsylvania possessions and as he told his family, he was afraid after he was gone that some member would try to regain that property, which would have been an endless law suit, as people had built houses on it and considered they owned it, so he burned the deeds. I have heard my father, his great-grandson, tell this, and also that this William Blewett bought a ship load of negroes from the northern negro traders and later he bought more, among them the son of the King of Africa, which rejoined those already arrived, as this man had sold the others. The owners took the Prince in the house as butler and named him "Prince". William Blewett entered several thousand acres of land in North Carolina, owning Blewett Falls. He married Sarah Garten in 1751 in the Old Swedes Church, Wilmington, Delaware, and moved with his family to North Carolina in 1756. Our knowledge of this ancestor is so very limited. We know he married the second time, Miss White, who had no children, and legend says he married, at sixty, a young woman in his neighborhood. He must have been very attractive, personally or financially, to induce a young woman to marry him, and they had nine children. Her name was Elizabeth Morris. I have not kept up with all these as it was wearing to try to find truth about my own ancestors. My cousin, Mrs. S. D. Lee, who was the first one to be interested in our genealogy, had a little paper printed giving all she could discover about our people, but since I have taken an interest I have found several errors in her paper, but it was a guide and furnished information to begin. To me, it is a tangled web when traveling back several hundred years, but fascinating and worrying. To return to the family. - Sarah Garten Blewett had four children, Thomas, Jean, Hannah and Rebecca. I will confine my account of my own ancestor, Thomas, who was born 1754-d-1835. Married Amy Randle, 1788, a girl 16 years old, who died when her son, Thomas Garten was born in 1789. I wish I knew something of this young woman, but beyond her name - nothing. Her son, Thomas Garten Blewett, born July 4, 1789 - married 1815, Regina de Graffenreid, a prominent family of South Carolina and they lived at Chester, South Carolina, where Thomas B., my grandfather, had a handsome house built, the brick made by his servants and the work done by his slaves of whom he had many. They had 12 children, about seven of them born in South Carolina. He inherited wealth and was an excellent business man and increased his finances until he was considered one of the richest men in the South. He owned many slaves and when his children had a birthday, among other presents, he would give them 25 or 30 negroes. I have the lists in his handwriting that he would give on his birthday, instead of receiving presents, he would give them to all members of the family, in-laws, too. On our birthday he gave his two daughters-in-law, Laura Martin Blewett, wife ot Thomas Blewett, III, and Mary Means Blewett, wife of Allen de G. Blewett, a beautiful gold card case from Tiffany, and his two sons, only living ones, handsome mahogany shaving boxes with cut glass bottles and with silver tops, and funny thing, neither son ever shaved! The first time it was used was by my youngest brother, Guy. Grandfather was extremely generous to everybody, especially the churches. 'Tho a Baptist, he subscribed liberally to all other churches.- Being too old for service in the War between the States, he was anxious to help, so armed and equipped a company called Blewett's Rifles, at his own expense and his youngest son, Randle, was captain, and he was killed the second year in the battle around Richmond. He also donated 400 bales of cotton to the Confederacy each year, and to tell all the good deeds would fill many pages. He died when I was quite young, but I remember it was a red letter day when Grandpa came to visit us on the plantation. He was fond of backgammon and preferred to play with mother, as he said father was too excitable, while mother was always calm. He had several plantations, York, Texas, Chester and Pee Dee, together about 5,000 acres. He left York and Texas to father, a very nil land and we lived there until my eldest brother,

Allen, died and mother said she could not stay there any longer, so we went to Meridian to live, and the two younger brothers went into business there, until Means left to study medicine. He graduated in Nashville Medical College then went to New York, where he graduated again and was offered a good position there, but he preferred living with his family in the South - where he bacame a very prominent physician in Citronelle, Alabama. He married Mrs. King, had two daughters, Mildred and Dorothy. He died of heart attack, January 17, 1946, and just a month later, my sister, Carrie B. Barttrel, passed away, leaving me alone in the world. My mother was a most remarkable woman, she never tired of her children, always interested in them and told them so much about the outside world, that when we went out we were not embarrassed or surprised. An Uncle, David Means, mother's brother, would write us to visit him in Green County, Alabama, and mother would describe the houses and furnishings of our relatives there, so when we arrived we knew all about everything. The portrait of this ancestor hung over the mantlepiece, another over the piano and so on through the house. When Carrie and I visited our cousin, Hugh S. Thompson, who was Governor of South Carolina, we knew all about Columbia, too, 'tho it had been years since mother was there. She had good looks, remembered them, too, and was an excellent conversationalist. She could entertain a room full of people sitting down, but she said if she had to get up to make a speech, she knew she would faint. I did not inherit that shyness and when I sent her a copy of a talk I gave on Martha Washington, without notes, before a big crowd, mother wrote me, "You are not as close kin to as Ittiot." She adored her children and husband and they adored her. Like the Bible said "Her children rose up and called her blessed." My father was in the War between the States all four years, Col. on General Hardee's staff. When my parents were married they lived on an island in the Mississippi River, Raccouci Island, near Bayou Sara, and my sister and I were born there. Mother had a Scotch woman for my nurse as she did not trust free negroes, and one day Miss Menzies, the nurse, told mother the cook was gathering too many beans as only she and father would eat there, so mother in her kind considerate way, asked the cook how the beans were holding out, "Lo, Mistis, I got a bucketfull off our vine and all the rest are full." Mother said the soil was so rich you could see things grow and father could ride through the cotton field without being sees, the cotton was so tall. Father and his brother, Uncle Tom, were great jokers and lived to indulge in laughter, so was my brother, Dr. Blewett, One day, when my sister, Carrie, was in his office, an old negroe woman who cleaned his office and adored the doctor, as all of us did, came in, complaining of feeling sick. Means said, "Sarah, I have just found out what is the matter with you. You have ancestors." Sarah was shocked at having such an awful disease and said to my sister, "Miss Carrie, I ain't got no ancestors, is I?", which convulsed Means. He had another joke that he enjoyed, but I never did. My son always adored his grandparents, uncle and aunt, and once, when he was seven or eight years old he was with my family in Citronelle and mother had a hard time making him take his daily bath. He said, "Naw, mother makes me bathe too much and I am not going to bathe while I am here." So, mother said, "But son, I am afraid you uncle will tell you that you are disagreeable," but nothing doing. Next day while Blewett was riding with his uncle, Means got off his joke, turned to Blewett and said, "Blewett, you smell like a "nigger" - The child was so shocked he came near falling out of the machine. Next day Means told mother that the boy turned so white, it scared Means and he explained the joke -but there was no more trouble about bathing. Means got that off on Mary Ottley and she really had a fight with him, calling him names and he just commenced with laughter, insisting it was true. Mary looked at me and I touched my nose and she caught on at once and joined in the laughter. Means was a marvellous physician and finest of sons and had a record, I am sure, few brothers can boast. In our long life together he never spoke a cross word to either sister or did an ungracious act. So, of course, we adored him, and grief for him sent my sister to her grave, just a month after he left, so I am utterly alone in this world, but I have good friends and some fine cousins. I wish I could tell all the nice things about my family, for there are so many, but that would fill a book and consume too much time, but I love to remember

all the kindnesses of my parents, sister and brothers; it helps to light the dark days and makes me look forward to meeting them again in a better world."

THE BLEWETT FAMILY

At the earnest request of my dear cousin, Edgar Blewett, to write something about my family, I am traveling in my mind to the days long gone to revive memories, some too sorrowful to record, some full of pleasure, but the poet says "Our happier days are not the days when we forget", but neither are the ones we remember too vividly.

I could write reams about our pleasant country life, my happy married life, the kindness, generosity and devotion of my parents to their children, the bright sayings and useful life of my beloved son, of my Doctor brother and my sister, but I must cut and recut until my story is condensed enough to record.

I hope when this is read it will be with sympathy and understanding for some of my thoughts have blossomed out like flowers in the calm summer of my heart and mind; some like idle weeds and withered blossoms-old faded things reminding me of flowers pressed between the pages of a book, but I now offer the bouquet such as it is, to any whom it may please. Mary Blewett Carothers.

Citronelle, Alabama
June 1953.

MAJOR THOMAS GARTEN BLEWETT

Written by his granddaughter, Mrs. Mary Blewett Carothers

Major Thomas Garten Blewett was a very handsome man, sweet tempered, generous and hospitable. He was born in North Carolina, son of Thomas Blewett and Amy Randle Blewett, but when he married Regina de Graffenried he lived in Chester, South Carolina. His servants built him a fine brick house, still standing where six of his twelve children were born. He came of a Presbyterian family but his wife was a deep water Baptist and persuaded him to join with her and, like many converts, he went to extremes, though he was very broad minded and liberal. In his library was a Baptist Bible. Every where the word "Baptism" was used it said "Immerse" - "ye must believe and be immersed", "John the immerser."

Grandmother died at forty-nine considered an old lady, wore a cap. I had a picture of her, a very masculine looking woman but I loaned it to a cousin and he forgot to return it. Grandfather had also a number of little books on the "evils of infant spanking" - I don't know what became of these.

He decided in 1832 to seek new land and selected Mississippi and came there with his possessions; his family, servants and goods by carriage and wagons. He asked Grandmother to leave her china as it would take up so much room in the wagons packed in barrels, and he would get her another set from Paris, which he did and my cousins, the Ottleys now own it. He was an expert at selecting good land and entered several thousand acres in Noxubee County and bought other land, had four large plantations in Noxubee County. The tree under which the Indian Chief, Muschulatubbee, and the Whites signed an agreement was standing on this land, but while we were absent the negroes cut it down.

Grandfather was very prominent in the Baptist Church in Columbus, Mississippi, gave the bell, the communion service and was the largest subscriber, but he also contributed to all the other churches. He loved to work with wood, had a very expensive work bench and tools, would make us hobby horses, beautifully made and painted, and wagons and chairs. He never gave just one present at Christmas, always three or more and on his birthday, July 4th, instead of receiving presents, he gave each child and grandchild a present. The July after Mother was married he gave her and Uncle Tom's wife, Aunt Laura, gold card cases (I have mother's) and, funny thing, he gave Father and Uncle Tom handsome mahogany shaving cases, bound with silver, a large silver plate with name and date, cut glass bottles with silver tops, and other

things in it and neither son ever shaved! It was never used until my brother, Guy, took possession of it. His house was very handsome, about twelve rooms, marble piazza, iron lace, a conservatory that reached to the second story. Handsome, yes, but just between us, the most inconvenient one imaginable. Down stairs the rooms were 30' by 40', 16' ceilings, and the dining room and salon parlor had a big window in addition. The furnishings were most elegant. I loved to go into the parlor, the tall mirrors, beautiful ornaments and soft carpet filled me with delight. A fine portrait of Grandfather dominated the room he left it to my cousin, Mrs. S. D. Lee. He had magnificent ideas about houses and loved to have them built, but he was not a successful architect, as his houses, though splendid, were far from comfortable and convenient. For instance, the bath rooms, elegantly painted, and well equipped were next to the kitchen, about twenty feet from the house, for the hot water convenience, I suppose, and if one desired a bath, if she were in the east room up stairs, she would have to travel the 40 foot hall, east and west, enter another big hall, north and south, descend the long stairs, another long hall, enter the dining room, then a narrow corridor, out on the stone veranda, down six or seven steps into a narrow hall and so to the desired end. If it was a warm summer evening, after her long journey, when she reached her destination, she would need a bath!

Also his house on York, had five or six rooms far above the ground, then down some steps where there was a large open cross hall where Father had his hammock and then a bed room and dining room close to the ground. When Father inherited York he had those rooms raised and the hall enclosed to make another room and there would be more comfort and less effort. The kitchen, of course, was twenty feet or more from the house. We had portraits of great-grandfather, Thomas Blewett, grandfather, Thomas Garten Blewett and Aunt Mary Blewett, quite a handsome young woman, and there was a portrait of Grandfather's half-sister, Sallie Blewett Lanier, but she was cross eyed so her portrait was banished to the attic. Why didn't the artist paint her eyes straight or paint her side face, then she would not have had to spend all the time in the attic? I don't know what became of it.

We were very fond of Grandfather and his visits to us on the plantation were red letter days to us. He was very fond of Mother and proud that his son married such a lovely and accomplished girl. His wedding present to Mother was a silver service, a china service, 400 pieces, hand painted, silver pitcher, twelve silver goblets, twelve big silver spoons and tea spoons, twelve each dinner and breakfast forks, and others I do not recall. He wanted to leave Father his handsome house, as he was very fond and proud of him, but Aunt Mary Woolridge insisted upon having it, but it turned a white elephant on her hands for not having the income her Father had from his many plantations and bonds, she realized it was more than she could manage and it was left to the family after her death, so she sold her life interest to Aunt Regina Harrison, who bought the interest of the other heirs, and her life's desire was fulfilled when she moved in. When she died it fell into the hands of Blewett Lee. The bricks were made and the house built by Grandfather's servants and yet it cost $80,000 - I have seen the record, but Blewett Lee sold it to the town for $15,000 for a school, provided the name it the "S.D. Lee School" for his father, so not this elegant home is an eye sore with an ungainly structure attached, the fine rooms turned into cooking school and other undesirable things. Grandfather's room, 30' by 40', with 16' ceiling, with life sized angels frescoed on it was ruthlessly torn down. It was an ell on the north side with a two story closet, with tiny stairs, numberous drawers and closets where Christmas presents were stored from October on. The lovely Italian garden was destroyed and many grand trees cut down.

Father was administrator of his estate and sent to the plantation a nail studded trunk packed full of Confederate bonds, sheets of money and stamps, but we left it at the plantation when we went to Meridian and many other things I would love to have now. The negroes took possession of many valuable things we left there. The trunk was in a room in the yard which was kept for extra furniture, china, etc, more than the house would hold, and one night a negro pushed up a floor plank and found that trunk with all the money in it and he stuffed his pockets full thinking he had

found Father's bank. Next day he went to the little village near us and ordered a barrel of flour, meat, sugar, etc and the merchant said, "Nigger, how are you going to pay for all this?" He touched his pocket and said proudly, "I'se got it right here" and drew out a $1000 bill. Alas, poor darkie.

Grandfather was one of the original subscreiber to Audubon's birds and animals, four enormous volumes. They were left to Father but his sister, Mrs. Nave, (second husband) wanted them and he gave them to her. I read in a magazine not long ago that they are valued now at $8000 and $10,000 each, four volumes. If we had all the things we have given away, sold and stolen we would have a warehouse full.

The table in the dining room could be extended for 30 feet and had elegant clothes to cover the whole length and hang down on each end and the sides nearly to the floor. Father inherited several of these immense cloths and Mother cut them in half to suit our lesser table and I have several that I had to cut to meet the demand of a still smaller one. Our family has shrunk like the cloths.

One day at a dinner a friend of Mother's said, "Mary, what have you done for your country?" I said I had a wonderful son. " What, only one child, Your grandfather Blewett had twelve, your grandfather Means had nine and you only one?" I said, "My grandfathers were millionaires, had numberous servants and lots of children. I am not a millionaire have one child and one servant." My husband said that was the first time he was ever ashamed of me, but I thought it was a fine answer.

Father said Grandfather turned his elegant house into a hospital during the War between the States, and kept it full of the poor wounded soldiers to be nursed back to life to return to be wounded again or killed. The one and only time I ever agreed with Sherman who said "War is Hell." Grandfather armed and equipped a company for service in the war and his son, Randle Blewett was Captain. He was killed at the battle of Richmond. Aunt Amy died in her teens and several others early. From a large family in the past ours has dwindled down to two women, one man and his three children. I am the last of my immediate family, and I sit in the solitude most of the time awaiting the summons to "Join the innumeral caravan" and I hope when the call comes I will go cheerfully and quickly "Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

GEN. THOMAS GARTEN BLEWETT, II.

Gen. Thomas Garten Blewett, II was born in Chester, South Carolina. He married twice, first to Laura Martin of Tennessee, having one child, Claude. Second marriage to Mary Witherspoon of Columbus, Mississippi having three children, Clara, married Will Ottley; Mary, married Cliff Ottley; Tom, married Lula Egger, one child Mary Clifton, married Featherstone, several children. Uncle Tom had a lovely house nine miles north of Columbus. The house was built by an Englishman with a grand park, but the arrangement of the house was peculiar. There was a bed room down stairs not connected with the main house, a bed room and dining room upstairs opposite a double parlor, a small portico on the west side with the roof extending far beyond it, but the east gallery was a delight, such comfortable chairs that one could relax in and enjoy the lovely forest so near and listen to the music of the over-flowing well and the water running through the dairy, keeping the milk cool. There were four independent rooms in the yard, two on one side for women, two on the other side for men. It was so shady (and spooky) that we could'nt walk in the yard before ten or eleven o'clock in the morning as the dew was so heavy. The house was burned later, Uncle Tom was paralyzed for many years and his daughter, Mary (Mrs. Cliff Ottley, later) was his constant attendant and now, alas, she is ill with arthritis, the last of her family as I am of mine. You may have heard that the Yankees promised the negroes 40 acres and a mule, so one day one of Uncle Tom's negroes said, "Marse Tom, I done chose my 40 acres and a mule" Uncle Tom was greatly incensed and gave the negro a good thrashing. The provost marshall in Columbus was a one eyed Yankee so Uncle Tom went to see him and said "You like your one eye,don't you?" Yes, indeed, Gen." "Well, I gave a negro a good whipping and if I hear anything of

it, you lose that eye", so that was the last of it. His son, Thomas Blewett, III, was a member of legislature for years. He died some time ago.

REGINA BLEWETT

Regina Blewett was born in Chester, South Carolina, married James T.Harrison, a chancery lawyer, had five children; Regina (Sis) married Gen. S. D. Lee, a prominent officer in the War between the States; Thomas (Tam) unmarried, an officer in the War between the states; James T. Jr. married Fannie Moore, five children; Allen Blewett and Mary Blewett never married. Cousin Allie left the orphans home in Columbus $15,000, but B. Lee saw to it that they did not get it, may have gotten a few hundred. Gen. Lee, Uncle Stephen as we called him, and we were devoted to him, such a pleasant and kind man, so unlike his son, was Commander of the UCV and had charge of the military park in Vicksburg, where he had a heart attack and died. Cousin Tam lived on an adjoining plantation when I was a little child, and he was especially fond of me, a quiet, rather silent child, but Carrie was a tease, full of fun and mischief and she would worry him and he said he would love to go to her "planting" but fortunately that had no effect on her health. He gave me several dolls and a gold thimble to fit my young finger which I kept carefully until I sent it, with many other precious possessions, to the museum in Columbia, South Carolina.

Cousin Mary lived in Grandpa's great house all alone and when she died Blewett Lee came and took everything to Atlanta where he lived. One day I was in Columbus when they were demolishing Grandpa's house and ruining the yard and told the man I wanted a few shrubs, he demurred ; but when I told him that I was one of the defrauded heirs and would help myself, which I did, pulling up small shrubs - whatever I wanted. Some lived.

ALLENA BLEWETT

Allena Blewett was born in Chester, South Carolina. My Grandmother must have been especially fond of her father, Allen de Graffenried, for she named three children for him. Her first child, Allen de Greffenried died in infancy, the fourth, she added an "A" to Allen and called her Allena, then my Father, Allen de Graffenried Blewett. Aunt Allena had twins, Regina (Puss) and Thomas B. (Doc) Weissinger and James, who was thrown from his horse and killed. She was married three times, Weissinger, Bledsoe and Bestor. Her last husband was a Baptist minister and we liked the family so claimed kin with them, but they are all gone now. Rev. Mr. Bestor laughingly asked Mother one day how she managed to live in peace with the "tempetuous Blewetts" but she was so kind, sweet tempered and lovable she could get on with anyone. Regina (Puss) married Dr. Rome Schlater. On their wedding trip from Columbus to Mobile on the steamer "Eliza Battle" the boat caught fire in the middle of the night, and Cousin Puss and Uncle Schlater, as we called him when we knew him later, spent the rest of the night in a tree, so I have heard, and Cousin Puss said her husband had to slap her often to keep her awake, it was so cold and they were so thinly clad. She had several children. Cousin Doc (Thomas) was engaged to a Catholic and when they brought in the paper demanded of all Protestants to sign, just before they were to be married, I have heard that the ceremony was delayed for sometime before the entreaties and tears could prevail upon him to sign, and, unfortunately, there were no children.

I am sorry we never kept in very close touch with all our relatives and consequently know very little about them, and their families. Nonna, Regina, Randle and Weissinger often spent months with us on the plantation, and we enjoyed having them.

COL. ALLEN DE GRAFFENRIED BLEWETT

Col. Allen de Graffenried Blewett was born in Chester, South Carolina. He was a very handsome man, six feet tall, highly educated, full of wit and humor, loved jokes. He married Miss Mary Means, a beautiful young woman highly educated, fine

musician and singer, aristocratic family and greatly beloved by family and friends. Grandfather gave Father York Plantation, 1500 acres; Texas about 600 acres, and he owned Pee Dee, Rabbit Ridge and Mexico, besides lots of land about the country and also Raccouci Island in the Mississippi River above New Orleans where Carrie and I were born. It was a grand Plantation, yielding three bales of cotton to the acre, but the mosquitoes, gnats and bugs of all sorts, and also snakes, were too numerous for comfort, so my parents went to York Plantation to live where we enjoyed a quiet and pleasant life for many years. There were five families in the community, very congenial, and in summer it was an entertainment at one place or the other all the time. Mother had the house redecorated and in December decided to give a house warming. Father had to go to his plantation in Louisiana, but promised to return in time for the party, but business kept him, and as the invitations were out, we had to go on with the entertainment. People from Columbus, Macon and all the neighbors came and one of the boys asked Mother if she were willing for him to get two negroes from the quarter to play the banjo and pat, so we could dance. A set was formed, two couples on each side, but the first couple insisted on calling for themselves so the side couple begun to call too, and it turned into a romp but we enjoyed it all the same. The next summer two men came to see Father and took dinner with us and when they left Father said they came to investigate our dancing. Father was a Baptist but the rest of us were Presbyterians. This Baptist Church considered dancing a cardinal sin, so one Sunday when we were at church they turned two young people out of the church for that sin (?) and the moderator said "Brother Blewett and Brother Clay are here to answer for themselves." A bomb shell! Dr. Clay, at whose house we had had another romp, not much dancing, rose and mumbled some apology then Brother Blewett rose in his wrath and spoke to the point. I don't remember all he said but he told them if they did not like the way his family conducted themselves to turn him out. Mother, who never spoke in public amazed us by speaking up saying, "They will never turn you out as long as you pay half of the preacher's salary." Dr. Clay's son told him he was ashamed of him and his mumbled excuses and the Dr. said, "Son, they took me by surprise but Blewett gave them the devil." Which he did. Father was fond of telling a joke on his good friend, Dr. Clay, which he enjoyed as much as anyone else. Mrs. Clay was an ardent Baptist and induced the Dr. to join with her. He was a Methodist, and in those days the Baptists immersed only in Running water, as education was more advanced they adopted the pool, and still advancing they have a baptistry and warm water. Maybe they will come to a silver bowl like ours some day. Well, Dr. Clay went to the river to be immersed and some way his foot was caught in a root and he had a time getting out. When he stood on the bank he turned to the preacher and said, "Some day you are going to drown somebody with your damn foolishness." When Father told this there was great laughter in which Dr. Clay joined, but Mrs. Clay did not smile, and later Mother told Father he must not tell that joke again as it hurt Mrs. Clay, so he had to relegate it to "Innocuuous deauetude."

Father loved fine horses and always had them and would show them at the fairs and a handsome man on a handsome horse always took the prize, and when he was married he gave Mother twelve silver cups and gablets he had won.

We loved country life, had a governess for Carrie and me and a tutor for the boys, Allen, Means and Guy. Later I went to college in St. Louis, staying with my Aunt, Mrs. Nave. When we were in our teens Mother would have a number of young people all summer, a most unselfish act for it was trouble for her, but she was glad to do anything for her childrens pleasure. One winter Mother's sister, Aunt Lida Marks, invited me to spend some time with her and her daughter, Carrie. She said legislature would be in session and there would be plenty of beaus for all the girls and I had a grand time.

Then one winter Mother's cousin, Hugh S. Thompson, Governor of South Carolina, invited Carrie and me to spend the winter with him and his family at the Governors mansion and you may know we had a grand time, so many vieing with each other paying us attention.

We did not know South Carolina customs and one night, after the theater, we

went to the cafe, but when we returned to the mansion Cousin Hugh told us girls never went to a cafe without a chaperon, but coming from that "savage land of Mississippi" as one of the boys called out state, we didn't realize the need of a chaperon, but, of course, we never went again. We visited other relatives in South Carolina, too, and I recall that winter with much pleasure. Carrie was full of mischief and humor and wit, and one night an especially pompous young man came to call and Carrie told him she could mesmerize him but he denied emphatically, but told her that she could try. I had to ask Cousin Hugh first, as they have such different ways, and when I explained to him how it was done, he said it was wrong but he would enjoy it immensely, so Carrie took a plate, one the bottom very black which she gave to the victim, the other clean for her and she would rub her finger on the plate and then on her face and the man would do the same, only his face was streaked with soot and Cousin Hugh laughed immoderately and asked "Wylie, don't you feel sleepy." "No, Gov., not at all." then he was handed a mirror to view his transformation. He took it very nicely tho I know he was irked. Cousin Hugh's wife told us she could feel him shaking with laughter during the night. We had lots of beaus and offers of marriage, but none seemed to please us.

After my brother, Allen, died we sent a lot of our fine clothes to cousins in South Carolina as they expressed a wish for them and we wore black. Mother told Father she could not live on the plantation any longer as she missed her dear son so much, so we selected a few things as the houses were smaller, and went to Meridian to live, leaving our pleasant country life forever. We lived in Meridian several years and I was married there. Father had the misfortune to break his hip and never walked again without crutches. He was never sick in his life and when the call came for him to go, he just gave a sigh and left. My brother, Dr. Blewett, an eminent physician, said it was like a clock run down. He was buried on his 89th birthday, July 18, . I hope I will go that way, for I, too, have never been sick and would like to go like all my family, quickly, a shock to the living, but death is always a shock.

When we lived on the plantation, York, each of us had a horse, mine was a fine Arabian, beautiful, with fine gaits, and when we would go for a ride, Uncle Sam, an old retainer of the family, respectable, gray haired, would mount his mule and go with us as Father was afraid we might have an accident, and there were gates open so Uncle Sam was necessary to two young girls.

When we were children we were playing in the yard, one day, a man came to see Father and asked where he was and we told him he had gone to Texas, his plantation were York, Texas, Mexico, Pee Dee and Rabbit Ridge, so the man thinking it was the state left and Father said he was glad of it as the man wanted him to go on his note and he would not as Grandfather had lost a lot of money that way. Father gave Mother Texas and Mexico and later he sold the others. Mother gave me Texas and Windy Knoll, a small place and I found much pleasure in planting and building up. My son and I lived on Windy Knoll for eight years until I lost him and I loved the country and seeing things grow. I went to a bare field but the next spring saw many lovely flowers I planted, and one of the negro men came by one day and said "Where mistis goes, flowers come." A very nice compliment, I thought. After my son was gone I found I was not a good manager and though I loved the country and hated to sell my attractive places, but I just had to, and sold all my land to the State of Mississippi for a demonstration farm, and would you believe it? They cut down every tree, fruit and decorative, every shrub and flower, except one very handsome Chinese elm tree that the man fell in love with and refused to destroy. The Pecan grove is still there about 250 trees bearing large delicious nuts. Natural gas pipes run through the place supplying light and heat to the people living there.

Our library at York was a very large room the book cases almost reaching the ceiling, filled with the finest classics, as well as modern works, and I am sure, if I had not lived in the country and had access to such fine works, guided by an intelligent Mother, I never would have read many autobiographies, travels, poems, as I did and enjoyed all of them. The lower part of the book case had doors where magazines could be stored and my favorites were Godeys and "The Land we Love", how I

would love to have them now.

When we went to Meridian, Mother suggested to Father to give all the books to the Y.M.C.A. and school. I wanted to rescue some of my pet volumes but Mother said if we began to select we would get too many and we had no library in town, so I bid farewell to my beloved books and still think of them with regret. The Y.M.C.A. soon disbanded and whoever wanted the books helped themselves. If Mother had thought of forming a library, there was none there, all the books would have been kept together and enjoyed by everybody. Mother was a wonderful woman, she never tired of her children. I have heard women say they were glad when school started so they could get rid of the children, but not Mother. She traveled a good deal before her marriage, and she told us, in the most entertaining way, of the places she visited and the people she met, so when we went out into the world we astonished people because we were not "green". We recognized the places she visited and enjoyed meeting the people she knew. Someone asked cousin Hugh Thompson if he was not uneasy about inviting such unknown kin, but he said he knew his cousin Mary Means (mother) and knew her children would be all right. She said she wanted us to have sweet memories of our youth, so she planted all the most fragrant flowers around our room in the country and in summer when the doors and windows were wide open the sweet scent of the flowers was delicious and on moonlight nights with the perfume, the mocking birds singing, it was hard to sleep, hating to miss such delight.

Once on York, Father hired two men from Michigan to do the work around the stable and other places. One day when I went on the piazza I saw a pig investigating our flowers. I saw one of the men and called to him to get the pig out and repair the fence. One Sunday they dressed in their best and came to the house and called for Father and he had to sit on the back porch and entertain them for we never thought for a moment of inviting them in to see us. They soon went back to Michigan and sent Father a paper in which they gave us a blessing out, said we were stuck-up, thought ourselves better than they were (which was true) and said one of the daughters ordered him to drive the pig out and repair the fence! Though they were better dressed than the young men in the neighborhood, they were not good enough to visit the young ladies. I don't remember what else they wrote, but it was a regular diatribe.

Once agai we were written up in the paper but very differently. One night in Meridian the cook came to Mother and said a white man was lying on the side walk groaning. Mother sent me out to investigate, then told me to get the Doctor, no telephones then. On my way I met two men and told them about the sick man and suggested they see about him. I heard one whisper to the other "Don't notice her", but the other said, "She is Col. Blewett's daughter and we had better go", so they went and Mother had the man moved into our company room and the Dr. said he had angina pectoris and was very ill. The next morning I went to see a Jewess near us and told her about the young Jew we had at our house and she came at once and wanted him moved to her house but the Dr. said no. The Jewess told Mother not to bother about food or nursing as she would see to that so our house had Jews coming and going for days.

After four days the man was able to travel and left. The Rabbi wrote a nice piece in the paper commending us and said we certainly followed the teachings of the Man we worshipped, "Sick and ye ministered unto him." "A stranger and you took him in."

The Rabbi took quite a fancy to Mother and would often come to see her and when Father saw his lantern coming down the street, no electric lights then, he would say, "Mother, here comes your beau," and he would retire to the sitting room to read his paper. We would laugh at him and tell him didn't know high brow stuff which Mother enjoyed and the Rabbi being highly educated as all of them are, entertained her.

I could go on telling incidents that were of much interest to me but might not be of interest to others, so I will close this part of my story.

MARY JANE BLEWETT

Mary Jane Blewett was born in Columbus, Mississippi. She was married three times, Wooldridge, Nave, Portwood. When a young girl she married Robert Woolridge, had several children, but only one lived - Lily. After some time she found Mr. Woolridge unworthy in many respects and sent him away. After his death she married a wealthy man in St. Louis, Mr. Abram Nave, and lived there during his lifetime. She spent many years touring Europe, had thirteen trunks full of lovely things she had bought. She was always generous to us and was especially fond of Mother, and often said Mother was kinder to her than her own sisters, and told Mother she intended to leave us her property which she did, but an unworthy cousin robbed us of it. Lily went to Germany, married an officer in the Kaiser's guard, Richard von Beyer Ehrenberg who was killed in the 1st World War.

She was like a fairy like little creature when she went to Germany, but some years later when I saw her she was a stout German frau, all her slim grace gone. She died in Memphis many years ago and is buried in Friendship Cemetery in Columbus beside her mother who died later.

DR. ROBERT MEANS BLEWETT

Robert Means Blewett was born on the plantation in Mississippi, graduated at college in Starkville and while in Meridian decided to study medicine. He was really a born doctor for when he was a young boy on the plantation if a negro cut his finger or was hurt any way he always came to that boy for help. He graduated in Nashville then went to New York and graduated there and was offered a good position in a hospital there but preferred to live South and be with his family. He was my idea of a handsome, elegant man, and he was an exceptional son and brother and I can truthfully say that in all our long life together he never said or did an unkind thing to his sisters. He was a devoted son always looking after the health and comfort of his parents. His patients were devoted to him and well they might be for he was so good to them. He held the highest examination in Alabama and every year the examiner would send him a card, "Dr., you are still ahead."

He had a handsome frame house built and just moved in, when some negroes playing craps in a hay loft set it on fire and the whole of Main street was burned and Means' new house. People rushed to help the Dr. and Means said for days men from the country would bring him furniture and other things they had saved. His new house is stone, handsome and commodious. We have nice brick stores on Main now and all occupied. I was talking to Means at 12:30, January 17 and a little later the other Dr. came and said he had bad news for us, Means had a heart attack and was gone. His wife was in bad health and died a week later and about three weeks later Carrie left, leaving me all alone, to sit and grieve and indulge in 'sorrow's crown of sorrows, remembering happier things.' It would take many pages to recount the many good deeds and the lovely visits he made us every day, but these I will have to keep green in my memory.

He was very active in civic affairs, was mayor for some time, member of the Eastern Star, secretary of the Masons for thirty-two years, railroad physician, member of the Presbyterian Church and the noblest work of God.

Mother gave him the first auto ever brought to Citronelle and he had many since then. He had two daughters, Mildren Hanlein, a widow in Mobile and Dorothy Walker living in New Jersey.

GUY DAVID BLEWETT

Guy David Blewett was born on York Plantation, married Ada Lide, had one son, Guy Courtenay. Guy was a mechanical genius and would have made his mark in the world if Fate had not taken him away so young. Courtenay inherited his fathers talent and is a successful business man in Pittsburgh, Pa. He married Martha Tinker and has three children, David, Lynne and Dale.

ALLEN MEANS BLEWETT

Allen Means Blewett died in early youth. He was a sweet tempered boy and a great help to his mother. His family was devoted to him and his going left an aching void.

THOMAS GARTEN BLEWETT

Thomas Garten Blewett died when only ten days old.

CAROLINE THOMPSON BLEWETT

Caroline Thompson Blewett was born on Raccouci Island, owned by my father, in the Mississippi River. She was a bright, witty person and very popular. She was exceptionally pretty, large, lovely blue eyes, long lashes, fair complexion, light brown hair. When a child, she preferred to play with boys, climbing trees, mumbling the peg and engaging in all their plays. She tried to have whooping cough and measles at the same time and it injured her health, she was always delicate but not sick. When a child she would sometimes come in the house with her apron full of new born pink mice, but was promptly escorted out as Mother did not care to raise any pests. She was a most devoted daughter and repaid Mother in later life for the tender care given her in babyhood.

She married first, Charles Hill, an oil man, pleasant and agreeable, but he lived only a few years and years later she married Adolph Barthel, a very nice foreigner, highly educated, a successful business man of Detroit, a patent attorney. He got the patent for Ford and was offered quite a lot of stock in that company but being new and untried, he refused, to his sorrow later. Mr. Barthel would invite me to spend summer with them at his home in Canada, which I did with pleasure. Detroit is a very interesting place and Carrie and I would roam everywhere and was delighted at the many beautiful sights. There are so many lovely boat trips around Detroit and we never tired of going. The island Mr. Barthel owned in the Detroit River was beautiful with flowers and trees he planted. The walk from the cars to the house, across a long bridge was lined with Lombardy poplars and such lovely flowers as he had planted. The house was very nice and the room I stayed in had windows on three sides, really a glass house, and I would entertain myself watching the bootleggers hiding the whiskey in the little island next to us and later the men from U. S. would come over and get it. We spent several enjoyable summers there, then the gangsters wanted to buy it and Mr. Barthel said he would take $15,000 for it but never signed the papers. One day as Carrie and I got off the cars at Petit Cote, one of the men came up and begged Carrie to induce Mr. Barthel to sign the papers but Carrie told him she would not sign for less than $25,000 and he said at once, "We will give that" so they signed and the men paid $5,000 to seal the contract which Mr. Barthel carried in a satchel to the bank in Detroit. Carrie insisted that the $20,000 he paid in U.S. currency at the bank which they agreed to do, so Mr. Barthel went in on the day named to receive it. Carrie was quite smart as a business woman and should have gone with him but didn't and now a mystery; Mr Barthel died a few months later and in looking over the affairs not a trace of that $20,000 could be found. It was not deposited in any bank in Detroit and since I have been delving into the past, and I think Mr. Barthel was robbed right at the bank, but he never said a word about it. Carrie had a lawyer to investigate thoroughly, but not a cent could be found.

I think if we had gone with him they would have had to deliver the money. One day Mr. Barthel received a queer message to meet the writer at a certain place at a certain time, and Carrie, with her sixth sense, said she knew it was a kidnapping affair and so she and I went there with him, to his disgust, but no one appeared and we thought they could not tackle three. Carrie was unusually devoted to Means and when he left, she just faded away and in a few weeks joined him in another world, leaving me absolutely alone with "memories that bless and burn."

We had a time getting Mr. Barthel's sister into Canada, for neither her brother nor her nephews would help because they would have to acknowledge they were born in Germany; his sister could hardly speak English and he had a heavy accent so it developed that I had to get her over and it took some talking and promising and the man said if she went over she could not come back but the war ended in November so she could return.

While we were in Canada the burglars entered the house in Detroit and took so many things, two capes of silver fox that grieved me, all the silver things on my dresser, the handsome bag Charles gave me, all Carrie's new dresses and too many things to mention, and we never found a trace of them. Mr. Barthel was offered $25,000 for the house in Detroit but declined to sell, which Carrie and I thought was a mistake and he died just a month later but nothing could be sold for a year and in that time the one who wanted it had made other arrangements and finally the house went for far less. His island was surrounded by all species of willows so attractive and there were some pretty trees in the orchard and one had a lot of web worms so I thought it would be nice to burn them and relieve the trees, which I did but carelessly threw the match down and the grass caught fire and I was a scared human. The man next door came running with a broom and beat it out, but he was so mad he dared not open his mouth for fear of saying too much. I didn't blame him and I left the worms to enjoy immunity from that time on.

When we first went to Canada the immigration agent asked me if I was an American and I told him I was 100% American and 200% Southern, so I came and went without further questioning, but Mr. Barthel was so German looking that Carrie had to do some talking for him. When he went to Canada he stayed until he returned for the winter. It is a pleasure and a pain to recall all the pleasure I had there.

A woman in Detroit told her husband that she had lived in marble, stone, frame and brick houses, but never a log house and she wanted one so he had one built for her and when she died he gave it with the fifteen acre park to the city and we often went there to admire it and the surroundings. In the yard was an immense log that was converted into a house with several rooms and people were living in it.

The cemetery there was like a beautiful park, no high monuments allowed and the horse chestnut trees fascinated me, so immense and so handsome.

There was a crematory there and I had never seen any 'ashes of the dead', so I insisted on going in to see. The attendant very kindly pulled out the drawers containing the cans (like molasses cans) of ashes and showed us. They looked like chicken bones that I have seen in the ashes in a kitchen stove. I wanted some to show to my friends at home and the policeman said 'give her some' so the man took up a handful and gave me and Carrie insisted I had deprived that person of an arm or leg, but I was very pleased to get the ashes and the people here were interested and I sent them to the museum in Columbia, South Carolina, where they were sealed in a jar and put on exhibition. Some people, I was told, put the ashes of their loved ones in a handsome urn and keep it on the mantlepiece. I would not like that myself. Even a man's bones are only a good handful. Carrie finally sold her Detroit property and our connection was broken but memory is full of pleasant times we had there.

Carrie was born with a caul over her face, which indicates a sixth sense, so the folks say, and there must be something in it for she often discovered things we could not. On day, during World War I, she came home and told Mother she knew there was a German spy in town, she felt it as she passed him on the street. Later he was discovered taking pictures of the port in Mobile and they found he was a spy and was given the choice of shooting himself or being shot, so he shot himself.

My son had a very large diamond ring, three carats or more. Means was very fond of jewelry, tast inherited from his Grandfather and one day Carrie asked me if I was willing to lend Means my ring for she knew he would be glad to wear it. I said I would be entirely willing but he must understand that if we had the misfortune to outlive him, it would be returned to me. She told him the stipulation but I think he was so enamored of the ring that he did not hear her and he left it in his will to his daughters, and so I lost my ring to my great regret.

Some men from New Orleans came to see us and were oil salesmen and Carrie knowing about oil from her first husband, we were induced to invest in two wells. One was $2000 and for several months brought us $750.00 a month then declined and finally died. The other one still brings in a few dollars a month, not what was promised, but I suppose everybody makes foolish investments.

MARY MEANS BLEWETT

Mary Means Blewett was born on Raccouci Island, Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana, which my Father owned in the Mississippi River above New Orleans. Mother had a Scotch woman to nurse me, and when she left she gave me a beautiful Royal Worchester cup and saucer, very old that the Laird's daughter she nursed in Scotland gave her. It was very lovely, dark blue and gold and I gave it to the museum in South Carolina. Father left there after several years and we lived on York plantation and had a most happy life there, free from sorrow and care, until death invaded our house and took my eldest brother, Allen, a very noble youth. We had guests all summer and in winter we would visit friends in towns. In these days of fine roads and autos it is strange to remember that when we wanted to go to the depot, in winter six miles away, we had to put rocking chairs in a wagon with four mules to pull hard all the way, mud too deep for the carriage. We had parties all summer, men from a distance coming to see us and we surely had a fine time. It was rather hard on our mothers but they were unselfish enough to enjoy our pleasure.

We lived in Meridian several years and enjoyed the Presbyterian Church and I was the organist there all the time I lived in that town; no compensation except to know we had the best music in town. I was married there to Charles Carothers who lived in Louisville, Kentucky at the time and my fine son was born there, but we moved several times landing at last in Memphis, Tennessee, where my husband was a prominent insurance agent and citizen and after some years he died there. I sold my property in that city and came to Citronelle to live with my Mother and Sister. My son was in France in War I, was head of the motor department, and when he returned he decided to live on Texas plantation that Mother gave me and for several years we were busy and happy, I planting trees, shrubs and flowers for Texas was the only place Father owned that no tree was allowed to grow, only cotton and corn, so I begun on a bare field, but when spring came my once bare yard was full of flowers and young trees, to the amazement of the people around. I had nine fruits in my orchard, really the only orchard in the county, other had a tree or two but I had many and they yielded in after years delicious fruits, but the chickens and turkeys were as fond of fruit as I was and being up earlier they helped themselves and I had to take what was left.

My son, Allen Blewett Carothers, was a mechanical genius. He never destroyed any of his toys and he had a number of mechanical ones given him by his uncle Guy. I could write reams about the finest child ever to grace the earth, but will give only two which I hope you will enjoy.

One day I was standing by the dresser and he, only three years old, was leaning on it, and he looked up at me with his lovely blue eyes and said, "Mother, you are a stunning beauty." Just three years old. I have had many nice compliments paid me but that one by my little son is the only one that clings to my memory and is embedded in my heart.

He came home from school one day when about nine years old and announced that the principal had shown him all over the school. I asked why. He didn't know exactly but he was kin to somebody. The principal was a memeber of my D.A.R. chapter and knew something of my ancestry and the children were studying the history of North Carolina and my ancestor, Baron de Graffenried was prominent there. Queen Anne begged him to take the Polatines to the new country which he did and she gave him 10,000 acres to compensate him for supporting the immigrants for years until they could help themselves. The principal had a picture of Grandmother Regina de Graffenried Blewett's house in Columbus, Mississippi, so she showed that and my

good-looking son to the children as descendant of the Baron. My sister was quite a tease and she told him he would have to keep his face and hands clean, his hair brushed for he must remember he was the Barons grandson. For several days he was quite correct then he leaned his head on my shoulder and gave a mournful sigh. I asked what was the matter and he said, "Mother, I can't do anything. I wish I wasn't kin to the Baron." He would fix clocks in the neighborhood and did not charge the ladies anything but the girls had to give him candy and cakes when he did anything for them. One day a servant came with a big cake for the "Young gentleman". My sewing machine became sullen and dropped stitches and I told Blewett I would send a machine man out to fix it but I could not get one then and when I tried to sew again it sewed beautifully and the nine year old boy had taken all the pieces and oiled them and made it sew as well as new. When he was in Macon, Miss. he fixed a printing for the editor who was about to go crazy because his machine refused to work. He looked up Blewett and though he had never seen a printing machine in his life, he soon found a screw had fallen out, replaced it and the machine worked as well as ever. The man in New Orleans charged the editor $200 and expenses to fix it and Blewett charged nothing. He did many, many favors like that, but I desist. He was very successful with his planting but he did not really like country life, preferred city and machinery. One day he had a heart attack and was gone, leaving me with an eternal ache in my heart and wondering why such a brilliant young man should be taken, so useful to the world, and I left, but who can understand Fate?

When I lived in Memphis I took an active part in club work, was president for five years of U.D.C; regent of D.A.R. and organizing regent of a young D.A.R. and a C.A.R. chapter, the latter named for some of my kin, Milling-Means and it was a quite flourishing young chapter when I left but I have not heard from it since. I was state historian for two years and if I had stayed in Memphis my friends wanted me to be state regent. I liked Memphis and had some good friends there.

When I first went to that city, I joined the Commodore Perry, D.A.R. chapter and the regent asked me to write a paper on Martha Washington, not as the presidents wife but farmer Washington's wife. I tried to beg off being such a stranger but thet wouldn't listen to me so I finally wrote it and a good friend of mine, Mrs. Mather, asked me to read it to her as she could not attend the meeting. After I read it she said, "I don't want you to read that paper." I told her I could do no better, so she said, "Speak it, speak it. A woman of your appearance, your intellect, etc" - boosting me to the skies. She said anybody could read a paper but it took sense, intelligence and composure to speak it. I insisted I could hardly read it before such a large crowd, this time an open meeting, but she would telephone me often saying, "Have you practiced that paper?" She was so persistant and flattering I finally had it letter perfect and had a big applause when I finished speaking. One person said he didn't think anyone in the chapter had that much sense! I sent it to Mother to read and told her I gave it without notes and she said she didn't believe I was as close kin to her as she thought! She never spoke in public while I was called on constantly.

I was sure I could not live long without my son, so when I came to Citronelle, I begun giving away and selling my dearest possessions and now am still living after twenty years and so many of my treasures gone.

Since I came to Citronelle I have been active in the various clubs, Womans, Music, Church and have been Church Historian for many years and still am.

I have nice friends here who come to see me often since I had the misfortune to break my hip and am confined to a chair, but I am blessed in having no pains, have supple fingers, that I keep busy crocheting, tatting, writing and I am deeply interested in stamps and buttons and find that time passes much more pleasantly when engaged with either fad.

My dear Cousin Edgar has sent me pounds of stamps and as I did not want to impose on him, I told him not to send any more, and what do you think he said? "I will do as I darn please!" So the gentleman can continue to send me stamps however much it may bore him.

I sit alone each day from two to five as my cousin takes a rest then and I, too, often indulge in painful thoughts, remembering happier days and grieving for all my family gone, but as a rule I am more cheerful, and my friends often tell me that I am an inspiration to them which encourages me to better thoughts.

Well, the tale is told, the book is closed, and I hope whoever reads these pages will do so with understanding and sympathy, then my journal into the past with its memories sweet and bitter will be compensated, and I hope that the one to whom this is written will enjoy and commend the unselfishness.

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BLEWETT'S COMPANY FLAG GIVEN TO STATE

Girls of Columbus, Mississippi Made it of Their Dresses (1925)

Jackson, Mississippi, November 28 - The most beautiful and best preserved collection of Confederate battle flags in the south hangs in the "Hall of Flags" of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History in the capitol at Jackson.

Joseph Pennell, the famous artist, illustrator and author, when on a visit to the "Hall of Flags" stated that it was one of the most beautiful displays of historic flags in the United States or in Europe. When it is remembered that the famous flags of the Hotel des Invalides and of Windsor Castle are included in such a sweeping generalization, the force of the compliment may be grasped and appreciated.

The latest contribution to the battle flags of Mississippi has just been received by Dr. Dunbar Rowland, state historian. It is the flag of Capt. Randle Blewett's company of Lowndes County, Miss., known as Company C, Second Battalion of Mississippi Infantry, Army of Northern Virginia, C. S. A.

The flag was presented by the Stephen D. Lee Chapter, U. D. C. of Columbus through its president, Mrs. Carrie Meek Sessums. The Daughters of the Confederacy received it from Judge Blewett Lee, New York counsel for the Illinois Central Railway Company, a direct descendant of the Blewetts and Harrisons and a close friend of Jefferson Davis. After due consideration and after consultation with Judge Lee, it was decided that it should be placed in the "Hall of Flags".

The history of the flag reads like a romance of the knights of Charlemagne.

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Enlisted in 1861

Blewett's company was enlisted in the Confederate Army at Columbus in July,1861, under the command of Capt. Randle Blewett. The young commander was a son of Thomas Blewett of Lowndes County, an ardent supported of the Confederacy and a citizen of wealth and influence. Major Blewett furnished his son's company with uniforms, guns, swords and all other necessary equipment.

At the time the Confederate armies were being enlisted, it was the custom of the young ladies of the community to present a flag to each company after its enlistment. It was also the custom to make the flag out of silk which had been worn by the fair donor. Miss Regina Harrison, granddaughter of Major Blewett, daughter of the Honorable James T. Harrison, a member of the Confederate Congress, who afterwards became the wife of General Stephen D. Lee with the assistance of Miss Anna Fort, afterwards Mrs. McCardle, furnished their silk dresses for the flag, made it and presented it to the company. It was made of white silk with a border of red silk around three sides and bears the following inscription, one one side appears in gold letters: "The sword of the Lord and of Jefferson Davis", and on the other "Blewett's" and 11 stars.

Blewett's company was ordered to Virginia and became a part of the Second Battalion of Infantry under the command of Major John G. Taylor. The company was conspicuous for gallant conduct at Yorkstown, Williamsburg, Seven Pines and Gaine's Mill. At the last named battle, June 27, 1862, Captain Blewett was killed while leading a charge on a battery of artillery which was captured by the Second Battalion. After the death of Captain Blewett, the flag was placed in the care of his

family who have sacredly preserved it all these years. After the war on each return-Decoration Day the flag was used to drape the grave of the young soldier who carried it to victory.

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Presentation Address.

The flag was presented to the state of Mississippi with these beautiful words;

"We present this beautiful flag to the State Historical Department with a feeling of reverence for the sacred past and for the hands that put in the stitches, doubtless, each one with tears and paryers for the southland, and the silk, now mellowed with age, having at one time adorned the queenly forms of two belles of the '60's, seems to yet breath the perfume of that sacred period.

"We who had loved ones to suffer for the cause of justice and right, feel the reverberation of the tender chords of pathos, like the strains of an Aeolian harp, borne upon the breezes.

"The wings of peace are overhead,
Betinseled all in gold;
All battle flags are laid away
In tears and beauteous fold.

"So dear old flag, we say farewell,
You're given sweet release,
May all the sacred Stars and Bars
Live on in realms of peace."

In accepting the flag Dr. Rowland wrote to Mrs. Sessums as follows:

"It gives me very great pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of the flag of Capt. Randle Blewett's Company, Company C, Second Battalion, Mississippi Infantry, C. S. A. and to thank the Stephen D. Lee Chapter, U. D. C. of Columbus, for your generous and patriotic gift to the department of archives and history.

"We shall have the flag framed, properly inscribed, and hung in the "Hall of Flags" of the state museum. It will serve as a memorial to Capt. Randle Blewett, the gallant young Confederate officer, who gave his life at the Battle of Gaines' Mill in defense of the homes and firesides of the southern people, against invasion and of the brave men under his command.

"The flag will also serve to remind future generations of Miss Regina Harrison, who afterwards became Mrs. Stephen D. Lee and Miss Anna Fort (Mrs. McCardle) who gave their silk dresses to furnish material for the flag. Then, too, it has associated with it the honored names of Blewett, Harrison and Lee.

"All the incidents and associations connected with the flag make it one of the most interesting in our collection, and one of the state's most highly prized possessions. Cordially yours,

"Dunbar Rowland - State Historian"

An interesting fact in connection with the story of the flag is that Dr. Dunbar Rowland, into whose custody it has been placed, was educated under the guidance of Gen. Stephen D. Lee, at the A. and M. College. Mrs. Harrison Lee, the wife of Gen. Lee, was beloved by every cadet in the battalion, and Judge Blewett Lee and Dr. Rowland were warm college friends.

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MRS. RANDLE B. SCHLATER
504 East Washington Street
Greenwood, Mississippi

Feb. 23, 1951

Mr. G. E. Blewett
264 West Eleventh St.
Fort Worth, Texas

My Dear Mr. Blewett:

Your letter in regard to Blewett genealogy was published in one of our daily papers, The Greenwood Commonwealth, today. The editor and owner, Mr. Sumpter Gillespie, also called me tonight to ask if I could send you any information.

My husband, who passed away six years ago, was Randle Blewett Schlater, whose great-grandmother was Allena Blewett (Weissenger).

I have been interested in family genealogy, both mine and my husbands, and, fortunately have worked on records for a number of years, between keeping house and rearing a family of four daughters.

I am enclosing the genealogy of the Mississippi Blewetts which I secured from Tom Blewett of Columbus 20 years ago.

Old Major Thomas Blewett who founded the family in Mississippi, lived in Columbus and was immensly wealthy. He gave each of his children a plantation and three of these places are in Lefore County (Greenwood is the County seat). One plantation is "Buckhorn" which was owned by Mrs. Mary Blewett Porterwood. At her death, Blewett Lee, only son of Mrs. Regina Harrison Lee (Mrs. Stephen Lee) inherited it. He sold it to Congressman William M. Whittington, who now owns and operates it. The other place was owned by Mrs. Stephen D. Lee, whose mother was Regina Blewett (Harrison) William Barry of Greenwood now owns and operates this plantation, Rixwood. Both of these plantations are situated near Schlater, a small town in this county which was named for my husbands father, Randle Blewett Schlater.

The first Randle Blewett Schlater was the son of Regina Weissinger Schlater. He was named for his great uncle, Randle Blewett. This Randle Blewett was in love with a Miss Mary Means. Both the Blewett and Means families lived in Columbus. Randle was engaged to marry Mary Means but he went to war (between the states) as Captain of a Company of Columbus men. He was wounded in the Battle of Gaines Mill near Richmond, Va., and as he lay dying on the battlefield, he took a notebook out of his pocket and made a will leaving his plantation, "Maryland", now "Schlater" to his name-sake and great-nephew, Randle Blewett Schlater, my husband's father. Randle Blewett named this plantation for his sweetheart, Mary Means, but while he was away fighting for his country, she transferred her affections to one of his brothers and married him. Randle was so disgusted by this that he changed his will, for he had previously made a will leaving the plantation to Mary.

I have all this family history by word of mouth from my mother-in-law who has now passed away.

Blewett Lee is still living*, an old man of 84, nearly blind but with a very alert mind. His home is in Atlanta, Ga., and he lives "with friends", so he wrote me in reply to a letter I wrote last year and asked him for some family history. He was at that time a student at Emory University, Atlanta, taking Medieval History and Economics! He was an only child and had been highly educated. He graduated at 16.

*Blewett Lee passed away shortly after this letter was written. GEB.

from Mississippi State College (then A & M) where his father Gen. Stephen D. Lee (of the Confederate Army) was President. Blewett then went to Harvard, graduating there in Law. He also graduated from Heidleburg University in Germany. He settled in Chicago and then married the daughter of the President of the McCormach Reaper Co., of this marriage three children, two girls and a boy, were born. These children are still living but in the eastern United States and I do bot know their names or addresses. The Lees were not at all congenial and were divorced, he keeping the children who were at that time quite young. Many years later Blewett Lee moved to Atlanta and then married a widow (I do not recall her name) who died there three years ago. Blewett Lee was a brilliant lawyer and for many years was chief council for the Illinois Railroad System. He like every other member of the Blewett family loves money and altho he has been wealthy all of his life he has always wanted more. He has all of (or most of) the family portraits, jewels, and other heirlooms but his children do not seem to care for those things. He has willed his collection of swords to the De partment of Archives and History at Jackson, Miss. I do not know who will get the other heirlooms.

I knew Mrs. Mary Porterwood and she often visited in our house after I married Ran, as his family called him. I knew the Lees quite well as I was reared on the State College Campus where my father was Purchasing Agent. General Lee was my father's best friend and I visited in their home in Columbus several times. Later I met and married Mrs. Lee's cousin Randle Blewett Schlater.

I hope that the information I have given you will be of help to you and if there is anything further you would like to ask I will be glad to answer it if I can.

My husband left one brother, E. H. Schlater, whose address is Schlater, Miss. He can tell you the size and value of these former Blewett plantations and can possibly add some other information which I do not know.

Two of the Blewett mansions are still standing in Columbus - the one owned by the Harrisons and the one owned by the Lees. They are beautiful brick homes, next door to each other. Blewett Lee sold these two pieces of property to the city of Columbus and they are used as part of the High School. There is also a Blewett Park there but I do not know the history of the park. The Blewetts are buried in old Friendship Cemetery here.

Since the family helped to found Columbus and were such prominent people, you could no doubt get a great deal of information by writing the Regent of the D.A.R. Chapter there. She would at least refer you to someone who could. Clara and Mary Blewett, Tom Blewett's sisters, married Ottley brothers, but I think that they are all dead. Neither sister had any children.

With best wishes for you in your research, I am

Very sincerely,
Mary Galloway Schlater
(Mrs. R.B.S.)

The third Blewett plantation was Maryland which was given to Randle Blewett by his father, Major Thomas Blewett.

THOMAS GARTEN BLEWETT, THE FIRST

Compiled by Mrs. Randle Blewett Schlater, Greenwood, Miss.

Thomas Garten Blewett was born in North Carolina, July 4, 1789, and died in Columbus, Mississippi, May 2, 1871. On March 15, 1815, he married in Chester, South Carolina, Regina deGraffenried, who was born there, May 28, 1799, and who died in Columbus, April 19, 1856, aged 56. They are buried in Friendship cemetery in Columbus.

Regina deGraffenried was the daughter of Allen deGraffenried and his wife Sarah Thomas, who was the daughter of Col. Thomas, Revolutionary soldier. Allen deGraffenried was descended from Landgrave, Baron Christopher deGraffenried V, who in 1710 received from the British government a grant of land of 10,000 acres along the Neuse

River in North Carolina. He planted a colony of Swiss Palatines there, calling the settlement New Bern, after his native town in Switzerland. (Col. Recs. of N. C., Vol. 1, pp. 1-88, Diary of Baron deGraffenried). He returned to Switzerland and his son, Christopher VI, permanently settled in Prince Edward County, Virginia. Christopher deGraffenried VI's son, Tscharner deGraffenried, the common ancestor of most of the de Graffenrieds of America, lived in Lunenberg County, Va. He was married four times and had sixteen children. Allen deGraffenried was his son by his third wife, Eliza (Allen) Embry. His mother dying when he was a lad, Allen deGraffenried accompanied by his younger brother, Christopher, and a negro slave, made his was to the Chester District in South Carolina. There, he prospered and accumulated a large fortune, living on what was known as "The Baron's Estate."

Thomas G. Blewett received his education at the University of North Carolina. He settled in Chester District, South Carolina, where he married and established a home, a spacious mansion constructed by slave labor. In 1832, lured by the fame of the rich lands recently vacated by the Choctaw Indians, he removed to Mississippi where he purchased a large tract of land situated in the northern part of Noxubee County and the southern portion of Lowndes County. This land was situated on the old Military Road, cut by the troops of Andrew Jackson in 1815. It was the homestead and residence of Mashulatubee, the noted Choctaw chieftain. Upon this land grew the famous oak under which was hald the great council of Choctaw chiefs to hear the celebrated warrior, Tecumseh, who urged them to engage themselves in alliance against the whites and especially against the Americans, who were then at war with the British in the War of 1812. Thomas Blewett spent a year opening lands and building houses for his family and slaves, which were occupied by them in the fall of 1833. Portions of this land are still in the possession of the Blewett descendants.

In 1835, Major Blewett moved his family into Columbus, and built for them a fine residence. In order to facilitate his trips back and forth from his plantations, he asked permission to build a bridge across the Luxopalila River, free to all citizens, reserving only a right to recieve toll from non-residents. The bridge, the first ever built in North Mississippi, was opened in 1837.

Soon afterwards, tiring of the encroachments of business establishments upon his home, he purchased the square in Columbus, upon which in 1847, he built a palatial residence patterned after the Italian mode, constructing it with bricks made by his own masons, and lumber hewn and fashioned by his own mechanics. This home passed into the ownership of Gen. Stephen D. Lee, who married his granddaughter, Regina Harrison. In later years, it became a part of the present Stephen D. Lee high-school system. Major Blewett removed his first residence from its former site, enlarged it, and built the Blewett House, a hotel famous in after years for being a rendezvous of State candidates and politicians.

In 1838, Major Blewett, in his capacity of President of Board of Trustees, projected and built the Mississippi Female College, the first college, male or female, north of Jackson in Mississippi.

Major Blewett was originally a Presbyterian. However his wife was a staunch "deepwater" Baptist and he joined the Baptist Church, in which denomination he became a devout member. The Baptist Church in Columbus was organized in 1832 and Major Blewett was one of the charter members. In 1838 plans for building a church were formulated and Major Blewett was the moving spirit in the construction of the new church. He later presented the bell which in 1902 was still hanging in the dome and also gave the Church the silver communion service. In an interview with the Rev. George Shaffer, a warm Methodist friend, just before his death, he said, "Brother Shaeffer, I have shown you how a Baptist could live, and now I will show you how a Baptist can die."

When the War between the States broke out, Major Blewett had become one of the wealthiest men in the South. He owned thousands of acres of land and some 5000 slaves. His lands in Lowndes and Noxubee Counties embraced several plantations, York, Texas, Chester and Pee Dee. Besides these holdings, he owned land in Sunflower County, in that rich section of the Yazoo-Mississippi delta, which was then gradually developing into a new cotton empire. During the war, Major Blewett, as all

other property owners in the South, sustained great losses. However, these he survived and upon his death, he was able to leave his children a fine inheritance, as is evidenced by the provisions of his will.

The following data is furnished by Mrs. Mary B. Carothers of Citronelle, Alabama, a granddaughter of Major Blewett: "Thomas Blewett, my grandfather, inherited wealth and was an excellent business man and increased his finances until he was considered one of the richest men in the South. He owned many slaves and when his children had a birthday, among other presents, he would give them 25 or 30 negroes. I have the lists in his handwriting that he would give on his birthday, instead of receiving presents, he would give them to all the members of the family, in-laws, too. On our birthday he gave his two daughters-in-law, Laura Martin Blewett, wife of Thomas Blewett, III, and Mary Means Blewett, wife of Allen de G. Blewett, a beautiful gold card case from Tiffany, and his two sons, only living ones, handsome mahogany shaving boxes with cut glass bottles and with silver tops, the funny thing is, neither son ever shaved. Grandfather was extremely generous to everybody, especially the churches. Tho a Baptist he subscribed liberally to all others. Being too old for service in the War between the States, he was anxious to help, so he armed and equipped a company called Blewett's Rifles, at his own expense and his youngest son, Randle, was a captain. He also donated 400 bales of cotton to the Confederacy each year, and to tell all of his good deeds would fill many pages. He died when I was quite young, but I remember it was a red letter day when Grandpa came to visit us on the plantation. He was fond of backgammon and preferred to play with mother, as he said father was too exciteable, while mother was always calm."

The following letter was written by Mrs. Regina Blewett to her son, Thomas, who was in college at William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia:

December 11, 1837

Dear Son:

I expect you have been informed by T.deG. & your Father (for they have both written to you) the reason of our not writing, was on account of sickness. I have regain-my health just enough to attend a little to business. Amy looks quite pale yet, but is improving. Regina is as well as she ever was in her life. I was glad to hear that you was satisfied with your situation. I hope you will continue to be pleased. I was sitting out in the piazer when you passed by in the stage and heard you say, good-bye home. I hope you will meet us all at home again, for when I was sick I thought I never should see you again. Oh, that you may be a christian, it will be a great consolation to you on a deth bed. Our town goes on as usual, some marriages, Mr. Leach & Miss Ager, Mr. Norris & Miss Parker. One of Regina's school mates came to stay with her all winter, but a young man follower her from Yellow Busha. She and Regina asked me to let them go to Wm. Cozarts. She asked Mr. Cozart to let her get married in his house. (Miss Simmons was acquainted with Cozart in Georgia) Mr. Cozart refused. The Miss Murrays & Regina & Harrison the lawyer, & the young man Mr. Wood all went to the public Academy & got Forbs to marry them, & came to our house in the evening. You may know that Regina got one good scoalding. They are baking cake at Mr. Barrys. Eliza is to marry Dr. Bensons & Shady, Carrol. T. DeG. has been here ever since you went away. I do not know what he is going to do. Thomas Randle is at the Richmond place, and is a fine hand on the plantation. Your father makes a good crop of cotton but cotton is such a low price. He will go to the La flour place in two days & intends to turn off Montgomery & send Caroway in his place. His law suit did not come on. The one he had with Hardin was through out of court. I will try to get your father to send you some money as soon as he can get a safe way. Mr. Manley has arrived at Tuscaloosa. The college is fittin up fast. I have told you all the news. Regina says she will write to you next week. The family all send howdy to bud Thomas. You must write often & never think that your mother can forget you, that you may be a moral youth & keep a clear conscience, & never forget your mother.

Regina Blewett

PS. You & Allena got tickets to Mr. Leach's wedding. Allena went.

An interesting picture of plantation life during the Civil War is given in a comtemporary account which appeared in A Mamphis newspater. It was titled "Confederate Bonds in the Prairie." -

Mr. Editor:

Some time ago I was induced to take a drive into the prairie in company with our townsman, Major Blewett. We started at a rather earlier hour in the morning than young gentlemen of elegant leisure are in the habit of moving; and earlier than one of my love for a morning nap would justify; but as it enabled us to escape the scorching sun of a summer's day, we felt that we had gained rather than lost by the operation.

We reached "PeeDee", the first plantation on Maj. Blewett's princely domain just in time for a beautiful breakfast which was presided over by Mrs. W. the wife of the gentleman in charge of that portion of the estate. As we entered the yard we were greeted by some 25 little negroes who came running with eager haste, surrounding our carriage and greeting master with a warm welcome. The Major responded, answering that he had "goodies", and such countenances you never saw. No sooner had we reached the house than they crowded around us, gazing with longing eyes at the packages of candy, and as each received his or her share, they responded with a bow or curtsy. A happier crowd surely could not be found. Breakfast over, we started over a road lined on either side with immense corn fields and halted at "Chester", the second plantation on this immense estate, two miles from "PeeDee", where we were kindly entertained by Mr. M. and his good lady with a most excellent dinner. Upon our arrival at this plantation which is the central part of this estate and where the headquarters of the whole establishemnt concentrates, we were met with about 30 little negroes who received their share of the "goodies."

After sufficient time had elapsed to allow digestion of Mrs. M's beautiful dinner, we started for "York", the extreme plantation of the estate, and about a mile and a half from "Chester", our route the whole way was leading through immense fields of corn and cotton. After time spent by the owner reviewing the establishment, inquiring after the health and comfort of all, we started out on a general trip through the whole estate which consumed hours of steady and quite rapid traveling. Upon inquiring, I found that we had seen some 1600 acres in cotton, 1000 in corn and 300 in oats, peas, wheat, potatoes and pinders. The crops were in fine condition and promises an abundant harvest. What surprised me most was that in all this grand estate there was not grass or weeds enough to fill a man's hat. Should no accident happen to the crop, the Major can feed all his people and his large stock of horses, hogs, mules and cattle and spare enough to feed 30,000 soldiers for one year, besides paying his subscription of 400 bales of cotton to the Confederate Loan and then have enough cotton left to make any man comfortable for life. The management of this estate is under control of Mr. Madison, who is clearly a master in his profession. Such order and quietness as existed at all the plantations I had never supposed could be, while the utmost cheerfulness pervaded all.

The next day being Sabbath, was spend at "Chester", there being no preacher at the house erected on the estate for the benefit of both white and black as the preacher failed to arrive. Late in the evening the negroes were called up and bountiful supply of tobacco distributed. The hospital and nursery department are under the supervision of Mrs. Madison, who makes regular visits to the "York" plantation, there being no white lady at that place, while at "PeeDee" Mrs. Watkins presides. Monday morning at an early hour we started for home, fully satisfied that a happier more contented people than those we left behind could not be found in this world, and with the wish that we had more patriotic men as Maj. Blewett, who had the ability and the will to pour into the Confederate treasure their "Fleecy crop."

Visitor.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of MAJOR THOMAS GARTON BLEWETT

In the name of God my Savior, amen, I, Thomas G. Blewett, Sr. of the county of Lowndes and state of Mississippi, being of sound and disposing mind and memory and fully sensible of the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do hereby make and ordain and constitute this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and declaring null and void any, all other last wills and testaments or codicils by me at any time heretofore made.

Item 1st.

I give, devise and bequeath to my son, Thomas Blewett (he sometimes writes his name, Thos. G. Blewett, Jr.) the west half of the south quarter of Sec. thirty one, in Township seventeen, range eighteen in Lowndes County, Mississippi. Also one eighty, number not recollected (which may be ascertained by reference to the map now in Jackson) which I understand he has under fence, together with all notes and indebtedness that is now due and owing to me from my said son, Thomas, hereby acquitting and discharging him from the same. This devise to my son, Thomas, to be in full of all demands on his part against my estate and to be all he is to receive therefrom, he not to account for the property heretofore given him but the foregoing is in addition thereto.

Item 2nd.

I give, devise and bequeath to my son, Allen Blewett and his heirs absolutely in his own right the following described parcels of land (to wit):

The west half of section twelve containing	319.30/100	acres
Section eleven and the north half of sec. ten	966.36	" "
The north east quarter sec. fourteen	160.78	" "
East half north east quarter section nine	80.50	" "

The above described land situated in Noxubee county and state of Mississippi, Township sixteen north of range seventeen east. I also give him south east quarter section six and east half east quarter same section containing no. of acres 339.98/100 situated in Lowndes county, Mississippi, in Township seventeen north or range seventeen east. I also give him all my river lands, which may be seen by reference to the map (which with the other maps descriptive of this and all lands given to my heirs in this will is hereby attached and is part of this my will) supposed to be, acres 1100. I also give my son Allen, two sterling bonds on the Mobile and Ohio railroad company, numbers 1847 and 1848 with coupons attached, also all my stock in the Mobile and Ohio railroad. I also give my son Allen my large seal with the fob chain attached. I give him my fine work bench with all the tools belonging to it and chest. I also give him all my books and the two cases to hold them, the large one in the passage up stairs and the choice of those below stairs, also my extension chair and the one I brought from South Carolina, also one dozen silver tumblers, my son Allen not to account for the property heretofore given him.

Item 3rd.

I give and devise to my daughter, Regina Harrison, in her own right the following described lands, lots one, two, three, four, five, six, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, and twenty-two in section one, also lots one, eight, nine, sixteen, seventeen, twenty-four and twenty-three in section two, all in Township sixteen north of range seventeen east in Noxubee county, state of Mississippi acres 906.89/100. I also give her the south half of section thirty-five in Township seventeen north of range seventeen Lowndes county, Mississippi. 324.98/100 acres. Also a strip off S. E. half of S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 33, T 17 R 17 E Lowndes county, Mississippi where J. T. Harrison's fence now stands, about forty acres. I also give my daughter two sterling bonds on the Mobile and Ohio railroads, numbered respectively 1849 and 1850 each with coupons attached. I also give her her mother's carriage & harness, she not to account for anything I have heretofore given her. I also give her my diamond ring.

Item 4th.

I give, devise and bequeath to my daughter, Allena Bestor, and her heirs absolutely in her own right the following described lands situated in Lowndes county,

Mississippi in Township seventeen north of range seventeen east, all of section thirty-three except the fraction mention in item three, also all of section thirty-four making in all 1251.31/100 acres.
I also give her one sterling bond on the Mobile and Ohio railroad numbered 1851, also on the same railroad one bond for forming arrearage of interest numbered thirty-four, $1000. I also give her my first set of silver consisting of one coffee pot, one tea pot, one sugar dish and one cream pot. Also one dozen tumblers six to be those belonging to her brother, Randle, one dozen silver spoons, half table and half tea spoons, one silver pitcher. She is not to account for anything I have heretofore given her.

Item 5th.

I give and devise and bequeath to my daughter, Mary Woolridge, and her heirs during her natural life my house and lot, known in the plan of Columbus, Mississippi as lot seventeen and all the buildings thereon, also all the land situated up and down the Luxapalila river above and below my old bridge, supposed to be three hundred and seventy acres more or less, and at her death to be sold and the proceeds to be divided between my heirs share and share alike, that it, the above named lot and land, also the furniture in the said house she is to have at her own disposal. I give her in fee simple my calash and harness and two horse wagons and harness to her. I have already given her her plantation in Sunflower, Mississippi. I also give her in her own right my stock in Life and General Insurance in this city of Columbus, being nine thousand dollars. I also give her one bond on the Mobile and Ohio railroad for forming one thousand dollars arrearage of interest with coupons attached. (Bond No. 35) I also direct that she be paid five hundred dollars out of any funds I may have on hand at my death. I also give her my silver castor. She is not to account for anything heretofore given her. I further give my daughter, Mary Woolridge, all my china set.

Item 6th.

I give to my worthy son-in-law, James T. Harrison, my diamond breastpin.

Item 7th.

I give to my much esteemed grandson-in-law, Gen. S. D. Lee, my fine double barrel shot gun with all the fixtures thereunto belonging, also my gold headed walking stick.

Item 8th.

I give to my dear great-grandson, Blewett Lee, my gold watch with the neck chain attached and all my undivided silver plate (to Allen, Regina, Allena and Mary) except what I have bequeathed to the Baptist church (white) in this city.

Item 9th.

I give to the Baptist church (white) in this city one silver pitcher, one oblong silver waiter, two small ditto, and two tumblers, all silver for their communion service to be kept in my family except on communion seasons.

Item 10th.

I give to my granddaughter, Regina Lee, her picture with the frame.

Item 11th.

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Item 12th.

I direct my executors to divide all my stock and provisions and money (after paying my debts, if any) and divide it all share and share about between my son, Allen and daughters, Allena and Mary.

Item 13th.

I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my son, Allen Blewett, my son-in-law James T. Harrison and Gen. S. D. Lee executors of this my last will and testament and I do hereby empower them or the survivors of them with full and ample powers to carry out the provisions of this my last will and testament. I desire and request that the said executors shall not be required to give bond and security as executors.

The above seven pages I have written with my own hand and sealed. 27th day of June, 1870. Thos. G . Blewett, Sr.

The State of Mississippi, Lowndes County.

I, Geo. W. Vanhook, clerk of the Chancery court in and for said county do hereby certify that the foregoing transcript is a true copy of the original last will and testament of Thomas G. Blewett, Sr., dec., filed and of record in my office.

Given under my hand and seal of office at the city of Columbus, This fifth day of August A. D. 1872.

George W. Van Hook
Chancery Clerk.

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Lists of slaves given by Maj. Blewett to his children:

Negroes given to my son, Allen, and supposed ages, in his possession at this date, December 1, 1856.

Jim Price	65	0000	Hariet	36	1100
Willy	60	0000	1st child	11	800
Jack	40	1100	Next child	6	500
Suckey	32	1100	Clark	28	1400
Sally	27	1100	Nancy	25	1100
1st child	8	700	Child	8	750
Next child	6	500	Blan	33	1400
Next child	4	350	Polly	45	800
Next child	1	100	Johnson	16	1400
Tamer	18	1100	Laura	14	900
1st child	4	350	Stey	12	800
Next child	2	150	Daniel	10	750
Sopbir	28	1400	Rachel	8	500
Phil	18	1400	Rose	6	350
Robert	30	1400	Louise	4	150
L. Willy	26	1100	Moses	2	1400
1st child	8	750	Jack	17	1100
Next child	6	500	Sarah	34	750
Next child	3	300	Jacob	9	800
Next child	1	100	Clem	10	150
Lymas	27	1400	Rener	2	150
Thomsey	26	1100			$36450
Little Thomsey	10	800	Mules, Horses		
Lucinda	7	550	Wagons, cattle		900
Stephen	35	1400	Cash sundry items		1500

Negroes given my son, Randle, and supposed ages, now in his possession at this date, December 1, 1856.

Buck	33	1400	Susanna	6	500
Jacob	28	1400	Caroline	8	700
Pampey	35	1400	McJohn	15 mos.	150
Robert	35	1400	Dill	4	400
Anderson	25	1400	Ben	18 mos.	150
Jack	28	1400	Mahaley	6	500
Leigh	28	1400	Thomas	4	350
Ruffin	27	1400	Nelson	18 mos.	150
Gerry	28	1400	Agnes	2	150
Green	30	1400	Margaret	5	400
Wade	16	1400	Augusta	3	300
Perkins	19	1400	Laura	5 wks.	1100
Delila	30	1100	Dilsey	30	1000
Eliza	25	1100	Letty	28	1100
Hester	22	1100	Newton	7	550
Morning	24	1100	Mitchel	5	400

Katy	30	1100
Betty	26	1100
Cusha	23	1100
Surilla	18	1100
Hariet	5	400
Mary	3	300
Tamer	18 mos.	150
Anderson child		100

Caty	2	150
		$33600
10 mules		1800
Wagon		150
Cows		100
Corn Mills		75
Cash		1313

Negroes given to my daughter, Allena Bledsoe, and in her possession at this time, December 1, 1856.

William	21	1400
Pickney	20	1400
Elmeyer	14	1100
Dan	24	1400
Alfred	30	1400
Edward	21	1400
Silvey	40	900
Cicely	38	300
Sally	28	1100
Emmerline	25	1100
Ester	25	1100
Debby	25	1100
Rena	25	1100
Fanny	12	900
Elley	10	800
Wilton	8	700
John	6	500
Charity	4	350
Sarah	2	150
Clem	5	400
Louisa	5	400
John Blan	3	300
Cloah	3	300
Napoleon	11	800
Philpot	9	750

Augusta	5	400
Moriah	10 mos.	100
Mandy	13	900
Edmond (sold)		1000
Minerva and child (sold)		900
Cassy	28	1100
Robert	6	500
Falley	1	100
Sandy	42	1000
Scott	21	1400
Ned	19	1400
Nathan	10	800
Squire	8	700
Richard	24	1200
Frances	17	1100
Hester	39	800
Frances	14	1000
		$35550
5 mules		750
1 wagon		150
furniture		600
cash sundry items		1000
silver spoons & forks		160
		$38260

Negroes given to my daughter, Regina Harrison, and in her possession at this time, December 1., 1856, and supposed ages and valuation.

Alfred	45	1000
Betsy	48	900
Ellick	28	1000
Poter	26	1400
Toby	24	1100
Sam	12	1000
Harriet	9	900
Sarah	5	400
Liza	3	300
Daniel	1	100
July	40	900
Louisa	37	900
Milly	17	1000
Mary	14	1000
Isabel	12	900
Susan	10	900
Mary	65	200
Henry	32	1400

Little Catt	5	400
Mose	1	100
Reason	25	1100
Milly	15	1000
Simple Betty	13	300
Rachel	27	1100
Adam	8	700
Riley	2	150
Lovey	32	1100
Anderson	4	450
Anthony	2	150
Judy	25	1100
Barron	8	700
Julian	10	800
Sophia	3	300
Serilla	1	100
Grecy	35	1000
Sally	15	1000

John	28	1400	Polly	12	900
Dave	25	1400	5 mules		750
Milly	22	1100	1 wagon and gear		250
Little Mary	4	350	furniture		600
Charity	25	1100			$37850
Janet	24	1100			

Leah, I give to my grand-daughter, Regina Harrison, so her name does not appear in this list. George, I give to my son-in-law, James T. Harrison, for his many kindnesses and for attending to my law business, so his name does not appear in this list.

Signed, Thomas G. Blewett, Sr.

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Children: 12 (1st 10 b. in S. C., last 2 in Miss.):

1. Allen	d.y.		
2. Thomas Garton	b.	1818; d. Oct. 16,	1896
3. Regina	b. May 22, 1820; d. Nov. 20,		1890
4. Allena	b.	1822; d.	1885
5. Allen DeGreffenried	b. July 18, 1824; d. July 16,		1913
6. William	d.y.		1831
7. Florida	d.y.		1832
8. John Armstrong	b. Jan. 12, 1828; d. Sept. 28,		1842
9. Randle	b.	1830; d. June 30,	1862
10. Amy	b.	1832; d.	1865;unm
11. Mary	b.	1836; d. Oct., 6,	1915
12. James Thomas Harrison	b.	1839; d. April	1855

"While pursuing studies in college
the summons came to die."
(Inscription on tombstone in Friendship Cemetery, Columbus, Mississippi.)

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CHILDREN OF THOMAS GARTON BLEWETT and REGINA DeGRAFFENRIED

Thomas Garton Blewett was born at Chester, S. C. in 1818, and died near Columbus, Mississippi, October 16, 1896. He married (1st) December 5, 1851 in Pulaski, Tennessee, Laura Emeline Martin, who was born there, September 25, 1835 and who died in Lowndes Co., Mississippi in 1864, and was buried in Pulaski. She was the daughter of Thomas Martin and his wife, Nancy (Henen) Topp. Thomas Martin was descended from Abram Martin, a younger son of an English family which owned large estates near Galway, Ireland, and who came to Albemarle County, Va. in 1680. He was a Colonial officer. Thomas Martin was one of the foremost citizens of Giles County, Tenn. He founded Martin Female College; was president of several railroads; and was offered position of Secretary of Treasury by President James K. Polk, an honor which he did not accept. (Some old Colonial Families of Va.", by Cynthia Martin Polk, Memphis, Tenn., 1915. pps. 29 & 137. Paul & Douglas Co., Memphis, Tenn., 1915.)

He married (2nd) Mary Jane Witherspoon, who was born in 1835 and died in Lowndes Co., Mississippi, October 16, 1876, daughter of Thomas Reese Witherspoon and his wife, Margaret Ervin, who came from Williamsburg, Co., South Carolina to Lowndes, Mississippi, living on a plantation near Columbus. Thomas R. Witherspoon was descended from John Witherspoon, who came from County Down, Ireland in the "Good Intent" to Williamsburg, S. C. in 1734. He was the son of David Witherspoon of Scotland. This

Witherspoon family traces its lineage to John Knox, the Reformer, and Robert the Bruce of Scotland. Dr. John Witherspoon, President of Princeton, Member of the Continental Congress, Signer of the Declaration of Independence, was a nephew of John Witherspoon, the original settler in Williamsburg. Thomas G. Blewett and his second wife are buried in Friendship Cemetery in Columbus.

Thomas G. Blewett was educated at William and Mary College and the University of Alabama. He was a planter, living at "The Oaks", nine miles north of Columbus. The home in which his family lived was a striking example of old Southern architecture and is said to have been one of the show places in that section of the country. It was built by a Judge Perkins, who came from Maryland, and it took his slaves ten years to build the four story structure. It burned to the ground about 1885, as so many of the Southern mansions in the country have done.

Thomas Blewett was appointed Major General of the Fourth Division of the Mississippi Militia. A commission, signed by Governor Joseph Matthews, dated November 27, 1848, is in the possession of his descendants.

A letter follows that was written by Mary Witherspoon Blewett to her sister-in-law, Mary Blewett Nave. -

Oaks, July 12th, 1876

Dear Mary:

I received a letter from Mary Blewett some time since with a message from yourself. I should have answered it sooner but have been sick. My health has not been good for some time. I am exceedingly obliged for your kind offer to stay with me next September. I would not ask you to perform the disagreeable task of coming so far to be with me under the circumstances, tho I would be delighted to see you at any time. It would be altogether selfish on my part. If you come and make me a visit, I should be delighted. I have the kindest feelings for you and Lily and appreciate your kindness so much for you have certainly treated me with the utmost kindness. Regina Lee told me she thought Mary would be home in a day or two or I should write to her to-night. Gen Blewett is going tomorrow and I will know then. Tell Lilly Clara says she is a long time answering her letter. It is nine o'clock at night, but she is lying on the floor playing with dollie. Tom is growing rapidly and learning to spell. Why don't you write. We never go to town. Gen. Blewett has not been in for two months. Tell Lily she does not care much about us or she would write. Mary, let me hear from you. We would all be glad to hear from you and see you too, Gen. Blewett joins in much love. Clara and Tom send kisses for Lily. Our kindest regards to Mr. Nave. Good night.

Affectionately yours,
M. W. Blewett

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Children: 5 (1st by 1st wife; 4 by second wife, all born in Lowndes Co., Miss.):

1. Claude Clarence — b. Sept. 30, 1853; d. December 27, 1914
2. Amy — d.y.
3. Thomas Garton, III — b. June 27, 1871; d. November 6, 1936
4. Clara (Carrie) — b. Sept. 22, 1874; d. October 31, 1937. No children. She married William Henry Ottley, a native of Norfolk, Va. They lived on a plantation a few miles from "The Oaks".
5. Mary Witherspoon — b. Oct. 1867; She married Covington M. (Cliff) Ottley. They lived for many years on a large plantation near Columbus, where he died November 11, 1951, aged 69. No children.

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REGINA BLEWETT was born in Chester, South Carolina, May 22, 1820 and died in Columbus, Mississippi, November 20, 1890. On February 11, 1840, she married there, James Thomas Harrison, Who was born November 30, 1811 near Pendleton, South Carolina and who died in Columbus, May 22, 1879. James T. Harrison was the son of Thomas Harrison, a lawyer, a captain of artillery in the War of 1812, and afterwards Comptroller-General of South Carolina. His mother was a daughter of Gov. John Bayliss Earle, a Revolutionary patriot.

Bearing the infirmity of near sightedness, James T. Harrison eary became a scholar, and was allowed to matriculate at the age of thirteen at South Carolina College, later the University of South Carolina, from which institution he graduated with honors at the age of eighteen. He then studied law under Judge James Pettigru of Charlston, one of the distinguished South Carolina jurists of the day.

In 1834, James Harrison established himself in practice at Macon, Noxubee Co., Miss. Two years later he removed to Columbus, where he soon became one of the great lawyers of that day in Mississippi. His proficiency in pleading and practice were such that Joseph G. Baldwin, in his humorous classis, "Flush Times in Alabama and Mississippi", devoted several pages to him, referring to him as "Jim T."

At the outbreak of the War Between the States, James Harrison was a delegate to the Confederate Convention in Montgomery, and was a member of the Confederate Congress during the entire period of its existence. In 1865, the Bar of the State of Mississippi selected him to defend Jefferson Davis, if he should be tried by the U.S. Government. When Mississippi was reorganized under the Johnson regime, he was elected to the Federal Congress, but was refused admittance with the rest of the Mississippi delegation.

He remained a student as long as he lived. It is told that "he usually arose at four o'clock in the morning, and repaired to his office. In the winter he built his own fires and seating himself at his desk, where his books, papers and stationary were all convenient and all kept in perfect order and with great neatness, he had pretty well finished the days work by nine o'clock, when the rest of the lawyers usually commenced."

In Judge Orr's account of his life, is written, "He lived at his home like a prince. In the social realm, he was supported by his wife and daughters. One of the later, the wife of General Stephen D. Lee, would have graced, by her elegant cultivation, the social circles of the most refined. As the granddaughter of Maj. Thomas G. Blewett, she received in her girlhood the highest advantage offered to the wealthiest classes of ante-bellum days. Situated as Mrs. Harrison was, it was his greatest pleasure to entertain at his hospitable home table. He was a man of ready wit and repartee, and on such occasions he devoted himself with enthusiasm to the entertainment of his guests."

Children: 6 (surname Harrison, born in Columbus):

1. Regina Lily — b. Feb. 24, 1841; d. Oct. 3, 1903
2. Thomas Blewett — b. circa 1843; d. May 9, 1910
3. James T. — b. 1845; d. Aug. 20, 1948
4. James Thomas — b. May 21, 1848; d. May 18, 1928
5. Allen Blewett — b. Apr. 3, 1852; d. May 3, 1922
6. Mary Blewett — b. Aug. 24, 1858; d. Oct. 6, 1915; unm.

She was a very gifted and charming woman. Living in Columbus, she was active in all forms of club work and civic welfare. Due to the fact that her sister, Mrs. Stephen D. Lee, suffered ill health for a number of years, Miss Harrison acted as hostess for the Lee household, dispensing hospitality in an elegant manner.

References:

"Life of Hon. James T. Harrison, by J. A. Orr", Publications of the Mississippi Historical Society, Vol. VIII, p. 187, 1905. Cem Inscs.

ALLENA BLEWETT was born in Chester, South Carolina in 1822 and died in Plaquemine, Louisiana in 1885. She married March 22, 1839, James Madison Weissinger, who was born probably in Augusta, Georgia, and who died May 24, 1845. He was the son of

George Weissinger, who was born in Germany, July 6, 1779, and who died in Perry Co., Alabama, Paril 1837. He married Winnifred Anderson, who was born September 28, 1777 in New Bern, North Carolina. George Weissinger and two brothers came from Germany in 1789 and landed in Charleston, South Carolina. After spending some time in Charleston, George Weissinger moved to Augusta, Georgia, where, for many years he conducted a business. In 1821, he emigrated to Alabama, and settled in Perry Co. where he bought land and established himself as a planter. He was elected to the State Legislature in 1822 from Perry County, and subsequently was eight times elected to serve in that capacity.

Not much is known of James Weissinger, as he died while yet a young man, leaving a widow and three small children. His widow removed to that part of Sunflower County, Mississippi, which later became Leflore County, and where her brother, Randle Blewett was living. Here, in 1853, as his third wife, she married (2nd) Oscar Fitzallen Bledsoe, who died the following year. He was a wealthy planter, who had removed from Columbus, Mississippi, to purchase land on the banks of the Tallahatchie River. On January 18, 1853, an agreement was signed between Allena Weissinger, Oscar Bledsoe, who signified their intentions of marriage, and R. M. Taliaferro, Trustee for Thomas Blewett, Regina and James M. Weissinger, turning over the trusteeship of 22 slaves to be held until the marriage of one of the children or until they reached the age of 21. The slaves were to be kept together and the proceeds of their labor to be applied to the maintenance and education of the children. (Lefore Co., Miss., Deed Bk B, p. 36) At Oscar Bledsoe's death, his widow inherited several hundred acres of rich cotton land.

Allena Blewett Weissinger Bledsoe married (3rd) Rev. Daniel Perrin Bestor, a Baptist minister, who died before 1870, in which year she was living with her son, James M. Weissinger at McNutt, Lefore Co., Miss. In her declining years, she lived with her daughter, Regina Weissinger Schlater in Plaquemine, Louisiana.
Children: 3 (1st 2 born in Alabama, last in Mississippi., surname Weissinger):

1. Thomas Garton Blewett, b. February 4, 1840. He married Mary J. Robinson of Plaquemine, La., who was bron in 1845. No children. Known as "Doc" Weissinger, he owned and operated land on the shores of McNutt lake, in the vicinity of the present town of Schlater, Miss. He was an ardent sportsman and a breeder of fine horses. Upon his death, his widow returned to Iberville Parish, La., in the 1890s.
2. Regina Lily (twin) b. Feb. 4, 1840; d. April 8, 1889
3. James Madison b. ante 1845; unm. He was a planter living at McNutt, Miss. He was killed by a fall from a horse when a young man.

References:

Weissinger Family notes in possession of Mrs. R. B. Schlater, Greenwood, Miss.

ALLEN DeGRAFFENRIED BLEWETT was born in Chester District, South Carolina, July 18, 1824, and died in Citronelle, Alabama, July 16, 1913. He married in Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana, March 8, 1859, Mary Milling Means, who was born in Montgomery, Alabama, July 6, 1835, and died in Citronelle, Alabama, August 27, 1918, daughter of Robert A. and Caroline Thompson Means. They are buried in Friendship cemetery in Columbus, Mississippi. The following inscription appears on Allen Blewett's tombstone: "A Confederate soldier. Col. on Gen. Hardee's staff. 1861-1865."

After recieving his education in New York City, Allen Blewett spent several several years in the management of his plantations. At the time of their marriage Allen Blewett and Mary Means were living in Pointe Coupee Parish, La., situated on Raccouci Island, an island in the Mississippi River, near Bayou Sara.

Upon the breaking out of the Civil War, he entered the Confederate Army, and acted as an aide-de-camp on the staff of General Hardee. Serving the entire four years of the War, Col. Blewett participated in several engagements, including the battle of Perryville, under General Bragg, where his horse was shot from under him, and he emerged uninjured. He was one of the first to receive the little bronze Cross of Honor of the Confederacy.

After the war was over, he returned with his family to Noxubee County, Mississippi, where he lived for many years. From his father, he inherited York and Chester Plantations, which were about twenty miles south of Columbus. Upon the death of his eldest son in 1883, Allen Blewett and his family removed to Meridian, Mississippi. They later lived in Citronelle, Alabama.

Mrs. Mary Blewett Carothers of Citronelle, writes of her family: "My mother was a most remarkable woman. She never tired ot her children, was always interested in them and told them so much of the outside world, that when we went we were not embarrassed or surprised. An uncle, David Means, mother's brother, would write us to visit him in Green Co., Alabama, and mother would describe the houses and furnishings of our relatives there, so that when we arrived we knew all about everything. The portrait of this ancestor hung over the mantle-piece, another over the piano and so on through the house. When we visited our cousin, Hugh S. Thompson, who was Governor of South Carolina, we knew all about Columbia, too, tho it had been years since mother was there. She had good books, remembered them, too, and was an excellent conversationalist. She adored her children and husband and they adored her. Like the Bible said: "Her children rose up and called her blessed."

Children: 6 (1st 2 born in Pointe Coupee Parish, La., next 2 near Shreveport, 5th in Columbus, Miss., last on plantation in Noxubee Co., Miss.):

1. Mary Means — b. February 6, 1860
2. Caroline Thompson — b. May 18, 1861; d. March 2, 1946 in Citronelle, Ala. She married (1st) Charles D. Hill, an oil man of Shreveport. La. She married (2nd) A. Barthel, who was born in Bavaria and died in Detroit, Mich. He was a patent attorney in Detroit, owning an estate in Canada, and homes in Detroit and Citronelle. No children.
3. Allen Means — b. December 14, 1863; d. Sept. 18, 1883
4. Thomas Garton — b. September 10, 1865; d.y. 10 days old
5. Robert Means — b. October 25, 1867; d. January 17, 1946
6. Guy David — b. December 10, 1871; d. January 16, 1903

Reference:

Data from Mrs. Mary Blewett Carothers, Citronelle, Ala.; Cem. Inscs.

Capt. **RANDLE BLEWETT** was born in Chester, South Carolina in 1830, and died June 30, 1862 in the battle of Gaines Mills, Va. In 1853 Randle Blewett removed to that portion of the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta, which was then Sunflower County, and which in 1871 became Leflore County. He, in company with his father, patented several thousand acres of land in the vicinity of the present village of Schlater. In the same year he purchased from John Purvis the land which is now known as Rixwood Plantation. He sold his property to his brother-in-law, James Harrison, and it was known for many years as the "Harrison Place". On November 7, 1854, he acquired from the government a tract of about 2300 acres , which later became known as Buckhorn Plantation. At the time of his death, this property reverted to his father, who in turn bequeathed it to his daughter, Mary Blewett Woolridge. In 1856, Randle Blewett received from the government some 880 acres, which he called Maryland, and which is the site of the present town of Schlater. It is related that Randle named this plantation after his sweetheart, whose name was Mary. She later married a rival suitor. When fatally wounded on the field of battle at Gaines Mills, Captain Blewett wrote a will upon a piece of paper, furnished by a brother officer, bequeathing Maryland Plantation to his nephew and name-sake, Randle Blewett Schlater, then an infant in Plaquemine, La. In 1854, he was appointed Judge of the Probate Court of Sunflower County. (Leflore Co., Miss., Deed Bk. B., page 192.)

In 1862, Randle Blewett raised a company in Columbus to take part in the War between the States. His father, Major Thomas Blewett, armed, uniformed, and equipped the entire company of 105 men at his own expense, and Randle Blewett was made company commander. The company was known as "Blewett's Rifles." When the company left for the front, the ladies of Columbus presented Captain Blewett with a handsome, gold-handled sword, suitably engraved with his name thereon. This sword is in the possession of descendants of the Blewett family. When Captain Blewett was killed at Gaines

Mills, his colored valet carried his watch and other possessions back to Columbus, recounting to Maj. Blewett the disposition of them. The servant was given to Randle's brother, Allen Blewett, and the watch to his namesake, Randle Blewett Schlater. The will made by Capt. Blewett on the battle-field was probated in the Lowndes Co., Miss. Court, August 4, 1862.

In Friendship cemetery in Columbus a monument with the following inscription is erected:

"Captain Randle Blewett"
A Confederate soldier.
Com. c., 2nd Battalion Mississippi Volunteers
He fell on the field of battle, June 1862
Defending the City of Richmond, Va.
Aged 32 years.

References:

Tract Bk. of Original Entries, Leflore Co., Miss.; Deed Bk. 10, p. 154, Leflore Co., Miss.; April 21, 1883 for release of property to Randle B. Schlater, signed by Thomas Blewett, Lowndes Co., Miss., Allena Bestor, Parish of Iberville, La., Allen Blewett, Noxubee Co., Miss., Regina Harrison, Lowndes Co., Miss., Mary B. Nave, St. Louis, Missouri.

MARY BLEWETT was born in 1836 and died in 1915. She is buried in Friendship cemetery in Columbus, Miss. She married (1st) Robert Woolridge of St. Louis, Mo., whom she divorced. She married (2nd) Abram Nave; (3rd) about 1889, Dr. Robert L. Portwood of Leflore Co., Miss. In 1866 her father, Maj. Blewett, deeded to her the property in Sunflower County, Miss. (Leflore Co.), which is now known as Buckhorn plantation situated near Schlater. She lived at various times in St. Louis, Germany, Memphis and other places.

Children:

1. Blewett — d.y.
2. Lily Lee — b. 1862 or 3; d. August 13, 1910 in Memphis, Tenn. She married Count Richard Von Bayer Ehrenburg of Germany, who was killed in the First World War. Countess Ehrenburg is said to have been considered a most beautiful and charming woman.

References:

Columbus Commercial, August 15, 1910; Cem. Inscs.

GRANDCHILDREN of THOMAS GARTON BLEWETT and REGINA DeGRAFFENRIED

Children of Thomas Garton Blewett II

CLAUDE CLARENCE BLEWETT, son of Thomas G. and Laura (Martin) Blewett was born in Lowndes Co., Miss., September 30, 1853 and died December 27, 1914. On December 24, 1881, he married in Scooba, Miss., Elizabeth Wilson Griffin, who died February 4, 1946. They are buried in the Trinity Church cemetery, 14 miles south of Columbus. Claude Blewett gave the land for the church and the cemetery. He was a planter, living on Phallas Plantation, sixteen miles south of Columbus.

Children: 6 :

1. Dancy Albert — b. — d. July 4, 1904. Unm.
2. Allena Elizabeth — b. — Unm. She lives on the home place, Phallas.
3. Samuel Jones — b. — Unm. He served in World War I. He is living on Phallas Plantation.
4. Claude Clarence, Jr. — b. — He was killed in a fall from the family carriage when he was only a few months old.
5. Laura — b. — d. September 20, 1934. She married Martin Rose of West Point, Miss., June 1, 1927. He died September 13, 1934. No children.

6. Wilda Wilson b. January 8, 1899

References:

Data from Mrs. Wilda Blewett McEllhiney, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

THOMAS GARTON BLEWETT, III, son of Thomas G. and Mary Jane (Witherspoon) Blewett was born in Columbus, Miss., June 27, 1871, and died at his plantation home, "The Oaks" at Steens, Miss., November 6, 1936. On March 15, 1916, he married in Columbus, Lulu Egger, who was born at Caledonia, Miss., June 13, 1877, daughter of James L. and Martha Jane (Kirkpatrick) Egger. He is buried in the Friendship cemetery in Columbus.

Thomas G. Blewett, III, lived on the plantation, "The Oaks", which had been in the possession of his father. He served in the Spanish-American War. From 1924 to 1928 and again in 1935, he represented Lowndes County in the State Legislature. Quoting from his obituary in the Columbus paper: "Born with love and reverence for the traditions of the Old South, Mr. Blewett was yet broad and liberal in his views. In the halls of the legislature he was a picturesque figure and staunch in his convictions."

His widow lives on the Oaks Plantation at Steens.

Child: 1 (born on the Oaks Plantation, Steens, Miss.):

1. Mary Clifton b. February 21, 1917

References: Data from Mrs. Mary Clifton Featherstone, Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

Children of Regina Blewett and James T. Harrison

REGINA LILY HARRISON was born in Columbus, Mississippi, February 24, 1841 and died there, October 3, 1903. On February 9, 1865, she married in Columbus, Stephen Dill Lee, who was born in Charleston, South Carolina, September 22, 1833, and who died in Vicksburg, Miss., May 28, 1908, while attending a meeting of the National Park Commission, son of Dr. Thomas and Caroline (Allison) Lee. They are buried in the Friendship cemetery in Columbus.

Stephen D. Lee's great-grand-father, William Lee, was one of the forty prominent citizens of Charleston who became special objects of the British vengeance after the capture of that city by the enemy in the Revolutionary War. His grandfather, Judge Thomas Lee, was Federal Judge in South Carolina during the Nullification difficulties and was a strong Union man.

After his graduation from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point in 1854, Stephen D. Lee served as 1st Lt. in the 4th Artillery until 1861. When his native state seceded from the Union, Lt. Lee resigned from the U. S. Army, and being commissioned in the Confederate States Army, he was assigned to duty on the staff of Gen. Beauregard at Charleston. He was one of the two officers sent by Gen. Beauregard to demand the surrender of Fort Sumter, and upon refusal of Maj. Robert Anderson to accede to the demand, he ordered the nearest battery to fire upon the fort.

His service in the Confederate Army covered the grades of Captain, Major, Lieut. Col., Brigadier General, Major Gen., and Lieut. Gen. He took part in the battles around Richmond in 1862, in 2nd Manassas, Sharpsburg, and the Vicksburg Campaign. At Chickasaw Bayou, he, with only 2500 men, inflicted a bloody defeat upon Gen. Sherman's army of 30,000. After this he participated in the battles of Tupelo, Miss., Atlanta, and Jonesboro, Ga., Franklin, Nashville, and in North Carolina under Johnston, in all of which he rendered conspicuous service. Jefferson Davis said of him after the war, that he was equally a success as commander of artillery, infantry and cavalry.

Immediately following the close of the war, General Lee was a cotton planter. He served in the State Senate in 1870 and was member of the Mississippi Constitutional Convention of 1890. In 1880 he was made President of the A & M College of Mississippi, which position he filled with signal ability until 1899, when he resigned to become a member of the Vicksburg National Park Commission. In 1904 he was elected by the United Confederate Veterans reunion at its session in Nashville, Tenn., to succeed Gen. John G. Gordon as its Commander.

In the Lowndes County Source Material for Mississippi History, Vol. 44, Part 1, p. 175, compiled by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, there is

contained an article entitled, "Memories that Cling", written many years ago by Regina Harrison Lee. It relates her experiences as a girl during the Civil War, and portrays an excellent picture of the South in general and Columbus in particular during those days. Portions of it are quoted here:

"The first perceptible sympton of Secession was when a man would put on a blue cockage (a rosette of blue ribbon, made by some fair hand).

I heard the cannon fire, the bells ring, the tumultuous enthusiasm. "South Carolina has gone out of the Union." Eleven days afterwards Mississippi wheeled into line and again the bells rang, and the cannon fired, and the mob shouted, "Mississippi has gone out of the Union."

Each State Legislature appointed Congressmen to go to Montgomery, Alabama to form the new Government. Mississippi was entitled to five. Intensely democratic, as she always had been, she selected three of the, "Old Line Whigs". My father, James T. Harrison, was one of them, his first intimation being a telegram of his election. My grandfather, Maj. Blewett, took me along as a pleasure trip. A small dining-room was allotted to them at the Exchange Hotel. For two weeks I sat opposite Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Davis at the table. I took wine with Mr. Davis (both old acquaintances of our family). The elegant Co. William S. Barry and wife sat with them.

Everyday we went up to the State House and after two or three bills were read, some mean old member would arise and say, "I move we go into secret session." And every old fossil of them would grin, and ladies, escorts and all but those entitled to stay would leave.

I saw the Confederate Flag (The Stars and Bars) the first time it was run up. It was in front of the Capitol in Montgomery. The President, his Cabinet, Congress and the crowd of citizens stood around - March 4th it was - and when it floated to the breeze, the band struck up "Dixie."

I saw Company after Company off to the war - the flower of our youth. Everybody's sons, brothers and lovers went gladly and gaily. The whole town went to the train to see them off. No tears were shed -- good wishes, warm handshakings and when the train started, cheers and applause.

One Company dear to my heart was that of my young uncle, Randle Blewett. He was Captain, and his father, Major Thomas G. Blewett, armed and equipped the Company at his own expense. We saw him leave with pride. In yonder cemetery is a white stone. He was killed in the Seven Days Fight around Richmond, aged 32.

A pleasant incident was when Bishop Polk visited Columbus. Bishop Green had made his home here. Church and State Refugeed together. Bishop Polk and Staff stopped at the home of Major Thomas G. Blewett. All three of them had been young men together in North Carolina and had a great regard for each other.

We had a dance. Bishop Polk stood at the end of the room and watched the pretty girls with interest. Fast Day came. I sat next to Bishop Polk at the table. He was helped several things -- stirred his tea, talked, and attracted no attention to the fact that he did not taste food. Saintly Bishop Green, Polk, the Bishop Militant, Thomas G. Blewett , a model of every virtue. The world is better that each one lived in it.

Beaux were plentiful in the South, but all the beaux had gone to the front. When a few could be got together, hasty notice was sent around and there was a dance. No refreshments -- everything fit to eat went to the hospitals or in a "box" to our boys in the army. The only large body of troops we saw was when Gen. Polk was here. They were under the command of S. D. Lee and W. H. Jackson. They rested here. Gen. Lee had a letter of introduction to Major Blewett and with his staff was domiciled there.

The elegant Gen. Jackson and the fascinating Gen. Lee were <u>single</u> men, while nearly every General in the service were married or grey. The young lady of the house asked Gen. Jackson to bring his band next door and she would give him a dance. the scene was lovely -- two or three beaux apiece. It was an oasis in our social desert.

Next day, from early dawn, the troops were moving down Main Street, from the

ferry toward where we now see the Georgis Pacific depot. The three Generals and their staffs, well mounted, faced the soldiers and occasionally the band played. Next day, the whole pageant had vanished like a dream. They went to Tuscaloosa and onwards."
Child: 1 (surname Lee, born in Columbus):
1: Blewett Harrison b. March 1, 1867; d. April 18, 1951
References:
Mississippi Historical Society Publications, Vol. 1p. 579; Vol III, p. 21.

THOMAS BLEWETT HARRISON was born in Columbus about 1843, and died there May 9, 1910. Unmarried. He was known by his friends as Major "Tam". He was a member of the Columbus Riflemen, which was mustered intoothe Confederate States service at Corinth, Miss., May 27, 1861, and was known as Co. K., 14th Reg., Miss. Inf. He was made prisoner at the fall of Fort Donelson and after several months, he escaped from Camp Douglas near Chicago. He returned South, joined Captain Hardee's staff where he served as adjutant in the Tennessee and Georgia campaigns. Maj. Harrison was a walking encyclopedia of war history and a most interesting raconteur of ante-bellum times, men and customs.

After the war he spent several years as a planter on the Harrison plantation near Schlater, Mississippi.

The Lowndes County Source Material for Mississippi History, Vol. 44, Part 1, p. 155, contains an article entitled, "Personal recollections of E. P. Hopkins relative to the War Stories told by Maj. Thomas Harrison." A portion is quoted here:-

"It is said that the confined Confederate soldiers in the prison had friends and sympathizers in the city of Chicago, who visited the prisoners, Wearing two suits of citizens' clothing when visiting the stockage, it was made convenient to leave one suit with a Confederate prisoner. An Irishman, Barney Hughes, was given a pass by the Commandant of the post, and also a permit to peddle pies, pig's feet, tobacco, cigars, etc. to the prisoners. One of the Confederate prisoners got possession of the pass, and H. A. McQune, an expert penman of the Columbus Riflemen, forged the signature of the Commandant on a number of passes. Provided withocitizens' clothing and a forged pass, several men of the Columbus Riflemen made their escape. While waiting at a nearby railroad station for a train, Maj. "Tam" Harrison told John and James Neilson that he could easily read the ticking of the telegraph instrument. They asked him to tell them what it was saying. He replied, "Three rebel prisoners escaped from Camp Douglas; catch 'em, catch 'em, catch 'em."

Upon arriving safely at St. Louis, the two Neilson brothers went with Maj. Tam to a hotel, where they remained quietly in their room. Maj. Tam ventured forth into the city and imbibed too freely, and in a moment of political enthusiasm, provided by a Republican parade, that was passing, he yelled lustily, "Hurray for Jefferson Davis." A policeman arrested the Major and escorted him to his hotel. Neilson answering the knock on the door, the policeman asked, "Does this man belong in this room?" James C. Neilson answered, "No, sir, I never saw him." In later years, when the war drums had ceased, and those tragic scenes were recounted by those who wore the Grey, Maj. Tam told Capt. Jim, "You denied me just as Peter did the Lord." He quoted Mark Twain as saying, "In case of doubt, tell the truth." Not knowing what the Major had been guilty of and not wanting to be returned to Camp Douglas stockade, the two escapees thought it better not to know him.
References:
"History of Columbus, Miss.", W. L. Lipscomb; Columbus Commercial, May 12, 1910

JAMES THOMAS HARRISON, Jr. was born in Columbus, Miss., May 21, 1848 and died there May 18, 1928. He married in 1884, Fannie Moore, who was born November 30, 1862 and died March 30, 1934, daughter of Capt. R. C. and Eugenia Moore of Columbus. They are buried in Friendship cemetery.

James T. Harrison, Jr. attended Princeton University and graduated in 1869 from Washington and Lee University. In 1863, at the age of 15, he enlisted in the State Militia under Capt. T. B. Shockley and served in an escort company with Generals Withers, Pillow, S. D. Lee, D. W. Adams, Forrest and Dick Taylor. He received a slight

wound in a skirmish while in the service.

He spent several years in the Mississippi Legislature. He was Chairman on the Committee of Colleges and Universities, which passed the bill for establishment of the Industrial Institute for female whites, the first institution of its kind in the United States. The passage of this bill was part due to James Harrison's wisdom and labor. He was appointed Chairman of the Board of Trustees of this institution, and was instrumental in locating it in Columbus. Later in his political career, he was elected Lt. Governor under Governor Longino.

Children: 6 (born in Columbus):

1. James Thomas III b. September 18, 1885. He graduated from Mississippi A&M College in the Class of 1905. He married Ethel Nicholson, daughter of W. J. Nicholson of Sapphire, North Carolina. They live in Sapphire, where James Harrison has served as post-master for thirty-four years. He has taught in many schools in that section of North Carolina, holding the position of principal of the Lake Toxaway School for the session of 1928-29. His wife is a very talented person, possessing a wide variety of literary ability.
2. Frances Antoinette b. December 1, 1888; d. November 23, 1932
3. Eugene Moore b. August 30, 1891. Unmarried. He lives at 3025 Louisiana Ave., Parkway, New Orleans, La., where he is in the insurance business.
4. Lee b. June 25, 1894; d. June 8, 1916 in Chicago, Ill., while attending the Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery.
5. Richard Edward b. March 8, 1898; d. December 14, 1923
6. Frances Sanders Moore b. December 26, 1904. She married Allen Baker. They live in Sweetwater, Texas, where he is editor of the Sweetwater Recorder.

References:

Biography and Mem. History of Mississippi, Goodspeed Pub. Co., Chicago, p 881.

ALLEN BLEWETT HARRISON was born in Columbus, Mississippi, April 3, 1852 and died there, May 3, 1922. Unmarried. He was Deputy Sheriff of Lowndes County for a term of years. At one time he owned a plantation at Deerbrook, Noxubee Co., Miss. When he died, he left the bulk of his estate to the Presbyterian Orphanage in Columbus, near which instution he lived, thereby expressing his appreciation for the friendliness that the children had shown to him, when passing his home. An editorial appeared in the Columbus Commercial Dispatch, eulogizing his memory for such a commendable act.

References:

Columbus Commercial Dispatch, May 7, 1922.

REGINA LILY WEISSINGER was born February 4, 1840 in Alabama and died at Plaquemine,La., April 8, 1889. She married (1st) in Columbus, Miss., October 22, 1857, Romain Schlater who was born in Iberville Parish, La., February 2, 1827 and died in Plaquemine, La., July 12, 1880, son of Michael Schlater and his first wife, Pamela Martin. He and his wife are buried in the Protestant cemetery in Plaquemine.

Michael Schlater was the son of Jacob Schlater and Barbara Kleinpeter. Both the Schlaters and Kleinpeters were German immigrant families, who came to Pennsylvania and from there to Louisiana about 1775 or a little later. Michael Schlater was a cotton planter and became very wealthy. He owned Homestead Plantation in Iberville Parish.

Dr. Romain Schlater was educated by private tutors in his home and later studied medicine in Philadelphia and completed his medical education in Paris and Germany. He resided most of his life on Homestead Plantation, adjoining Plaquemine, which was a gift from his father at the time of his marriage. The residence was a white brick, three story house with large white pillars and galleries. This home was later taken by the river. Dr. Schlater also had a residence at Pass Christian, Miss., which was surrounded by an extensive estate. He apparently had another one in New Orleans, where he spent a great deal of his time.

Records regarding Dr. Schlater's medical practice are very meager. In 1855 he

became associated with Dr. Samuel Chopin and two other physicians in publishing and editing the New Orleans Medical News and Hospital Gazette, a medical journal that appeared in that year and lasted until the Civil War. Dr. Schlater's name only appeared for one year as co-editor. Dr. Chopin was one of the founders of the New Orleans School of Medicine that was founded in 1855 and lasted for 15 years. The family tradition is that Dr. Schlater was also one of the founders, but there have no records been found to bear out the story.

It is related that while upon their honey-moon, Dr. Schlater and his bride were aboard "The Eliza", a messenger boat plying upon the Tombigbee River, when the boat burned to the water's edge. Dr. Schlater and his bride, "Puss", as she was affectionately known by her family, were forced to cling to a tree-top all night until rescued the following morning. Many valuable wedding presents and Regina's jewels were lost.

Regina Weissinger married (2nd) Frederick D. Robertson who was born on Hunter's Lodge Plantation, Iberville Parish, La., November 25, 1844, son of James and Earnestine (Schlatre) Robertson.

Frederick Robertson was descended from James Robertson, the famous Indian fighter of early Tennessee history. The Robertson family came to Louisiana on a flat-boat. Frederic Robertson attended the University of St. Louis and Jefferson College in St. Louis. He joined Co. A, 1st Cavalry and later fought with Gen. N. B. Forrest's Cavalry. After the war, he lived on Hunter's Lodge Plantation, and afterwards came into the possession of Homestead Plantation, which consisted of some 1900 acres of land.

Children: 9 (1st 8 by 1st husband, surname Robertson, all born at Plaquemine, La.)

1. Randle b. August 5, 1858; d. May 12, 1892
2. Romain Garton b. November 27, 1859;d. August 4, 1867
3. Thomas Weissinger b. October 5, 1861; d. May 28, 1937
4. Regina Weissinger b. January 14, 1863. She married (1st) Henry Allen Pope; (2nd) William Irwin. No children. She lived in Plaquemine.
5. Gervais Michael b. August 27, 1865; d. April 5, 1883
6. Irene Winona b. March 17, 1867
7. Allena Blewett b. February 26, 1871;d. June 19, 1891
8. Rome Ernestine b. May 7, 1873
9. Freddie b. June 16, 1883. She married Ray W. Killingsworth of Plaquemine, La.; Notes from W. D. Postell, Librarian of School of Medicine, L.S.U., New Orleans, La.

Children of Allen DeGraffenried Blewett and Mary Means

MARY MEANS BLEWETT was born on Raccouci Island, Ponte Coupe Parish, La., Feb. 6, 1860. On December 23, 1890, she married in Meridian, Miss., Charles Green Carothers who was born February 1, 1856 in Starkville, Miss., and who died May 22, 1914 in Memphis, Tennessee, son of Dr. Andrew Meek Carothers and his wife, Martha Caldwell.

Charles G. Carothers was General Agent for the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Co., in Memphis at the time of his death. Mrs. Carothers was Regent for one of the D.A.R. chapters in Memphis, organizing regent for two other chapters, State Historian for the D.A.R., President of the U.D.C. for five years and a member of the Colonial Dames of America. She has also been very active in Presbyterian Church circles in both Memphis and her present home of Citronelle, Alabama.

Children: 3 (surname Carothers, 1st born in Louisville, Ky., last 2 in Brooksville, Miss.):

1. Allen Blewett b. December 29, 1891; d. December 18, 1931 in Brooksville, Mississippi. He served as a 1st Sergeant in the 1st World War, had charge of a motor division.
2. Marion Means b. December 4, 1894;d. December 8, 1894
3. Means Caldwell b. June 14, 1896; d. April 22, 1898

ROBERT MEANS BLEWETT was born in Columbus, Miss., October 25, 1867 and died in Citronella, Alabama, January 17, 1946. He married in Chattanooga, Tenn., June 3, 1895

Mamie (Cope) King, who was born there, December 17, 1867, daughter of John and Mary Faidley Cope.

Means Blewett attended the preparatory department of A. & M. College at Starksville, Miss., and graduated in medicine in Nashville, Tenn., pursuing post-graduate work in New York City.

He practised medicine in Citronelle for many years. He held high offices in Masonic circles and was active in all civic improvements in Citronelle.

Children: 2 (born in Citronelle):

1. Mary Mildred b. July 21, 1897. She married Louis Hanlein of Mobile, Alabama, who died several years ago. She lives in Mobile. No children.
2. Dorothy b. June 30, 1902. She married in Mobile, Ala., June 12, 1946, Charles Herbert Walker, who was born November 1891 in Newark, N. J., son of Herbert and Elizabeth (Woodhouse) Walker, natives of Manchester, England.

   Dorothy Blewett graduated from Newcombe College of Tulane University in the class of 1924, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and where she won a prize in history. She received her M.A. from Columbia University in New York City and worked toward a Ph.D at New York University. She taught school at Woodlawn High School in Birmingham, Ala., and was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

   Charles Walker graduated from New York University in 1910. After serving a law clerkship, he was admitted to the New Jersey Bar. He is a counsellor of law, practising in Avon-by-the-Sea, N. J. He is a member of the Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Church of Asbury Park, N. J., and is prominent in Masonic circles.

   Dorothy Walker has recently completed three years as president of the local American Assn. of University Women and is on the Board of Directors of this organization. She is a member of the League of Women Voters and the Asbury Park Womens Club.

References:

Date from Mrs. Chas. H. Walker, Avon-by-the-Sea, N. J.

GUY DAVID BLEWETT was born in Noxubee County, Miss., December 10, 1871 and died in Brooksville, Miss., January 18, 1903. He married Ada Lide, who was born in Livingston, Ala., and died in Pittsburg, Pa.

Child: 1 (Born in Meridian, Miss.):

1. Guy Courtenay b. 1900

References:

Data from Mrs. Mary B. Carothers, Citronella, Alabama

GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN OF THOMAS GARTON BLEWETT & REGINA DeGRAFFENRIED

WILDA WILSON BLEWETT, daughter of Claude Clarence and Elizabeth Wilson (Griffin) Blewett, was born August 28, 1899. She married (1st) October 26, 1921, Dyer Hudson Wood of Birmingham, Ala., who died September 4, 1930. She married (2nd) September 30, 1940 in Birmingham, Mr. Milo McElhinney of Chicago, Ill. He was one of the chief engineers attached to the Atomic Energy Development of the Atomic Bomb during World War II at the University of Chicago and Oak Ridge, Tenn. He is now with the University of Alabama. Their residence is at 64 The Downs in Tuscaloosa. Mrs. Mc Ellhiney possesses several pieces of furniture which belonged to her great-grandfather, Maj. Thomas Blewett, among them a four poster bed, which was made for the Blewetts in 1776.

Children: 1 (surname Wood, born in Birmingham, Ala.):

1. Elizabeth born May 29, 1923. From 1948 to 1950 she was the hosiery buyer for Loveman-Joseph and Loeb in Birmingham, the youngest buyer for a department store in the country. She married Oliver Thomas and now lives in Tuscaloosa, Ala. On January 9, 1954 at 6:16 AM, a son, William Blewett Thomas, was born to this union. She also has some of the old Thomas Blewett

References:

Data from Mrs. Wilda Blewett McEllhiney, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

MARY CLIFTON BLEWETT, daughter of Thomas Garton and Lulu (Egger) Blewett, was born February 21, 1917 on the Oaks Plantation at Steens, Mississippi. She married July 12, 1936 at West Point, Mississippi, Ernest Eugene Featherstone, who was born May 17, 1913 at Macon, Miss., son of John J. and Dorothy (McIllwain) Featherstone.

Mary Clifton Blewett graduated from Mississippi State College for Women in the class of 1938. Eugene Featherstone attended the Lee High School in Columbus, Miss., and then trained with J. C. Penney Co. He was formerly manager of the Fort Payne, Alabama store and is now manager of the Penney Store in Elizabeth City, N. Carolina.

Children: 2 (surname Featherstone, 1st born in Columbus, Miss., 2nd in Panama City, Fla.)

1. Mary Eugenia b. November 24, 1941
2. Thomas Blewett b. January 6, 1945

References:

Date from Mrs. Eugene E. Featherstone, Elizabeth City, N. C.

BLEWETT HARRISON LEE, son of Gen. Stephen D. and Regina (Harrison) Lee, was born near Columbus, Mississippi, March 1, 1867 and died in Atlanta, Ga., April 18, 1951. He married in Chicago, Ill., February 9, 1898, Frances Glessner, who was born there, March 25, 1878, daughter of John J. and Frances (Macbeth) Glessner.

Blewett Lee received his education at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Mississippi, the University of Virginia and Harvard, where he graduated in 1888 with A.M. and LL.B degrees. He then studied for a year at the German Universities of Leipzig and Frieburg.

He became private secretary to Justice Horace Grey of the Supreme Court of the United States in 1890. Following that he practised law in Atlanta from 1890 to 1893. Removing to Chicago, he practised there until 1918, when he went to New York City. He later practised in Atlanta, where he retired. From 1893 to 1901 he was Professor of Law at Northwestern University and from 1902 to 1903 at the University of Chicago. He was connected with The Illinois Central Railroad for many years, as general attorney, general solicitor, general counsel and New York Counsel. He was a member of the American, Chicago and N. Y. Bar Associations.

Children: 3 (born in Chicago)

1. John Glessner b. December 5, 1898
2. Frances b. February 25, 1903; d. June 19, 1935
3. Martha b. November, 11, 1906

References:

Data from Mrs. Charles F. Batchelder, Jr., Milton, Massachusetts

FRANCES ANTOINETTE HARRISON, daughter of James T. Harrison, Jr., and his wife, Fannie Moore, was born in Columbus, Mississippi, December 1, 1888, and died in Memphis, Tenn., November 23, 1932. She married in Columbus, June 5, 1912, Richard Green Clark, son of Percy C. Clarke and his wife, Cora Green, of Memphis. Cora Green was a member of the Green family of Mississippi, which family numbered as its members, Bishop Green, the first Chancellor of the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn., and the late Bishop William Mercer Green of Mississippi.

Richard Clarke is associated with John A. Denie's Sons Co., a building material supply company in Memphis.

Child: 1 (surname Clarke, born in Memphis, Tennessee):

1. Richard Green, Jr. b. August 27, 1913

References:

Date from R. G. Clarke, Memphis, Tennessee

RICHARD EDWARD HARRISON, son of James T. and Fannie (Moore) Harrison, was born in Columbus, Miss., March 8, 1898, and died at Mill Spring, N. C., December 14, 1935. He married in Brevard, N. C., August 4, 1928, Louise Miller who was born January 29,

1909 in Sapphire, N. C., daughter of David Hiram Miller and his wife, Rachel Louisa Henderson.

Richard Harrison and his family lived at Sapphire, where he owned a farm. His widow married John Thrash of West Ashville, N. C.

Child: 1 (born in Quebec, Transylvania Co., N. C.

1. Richard Edward, Jr. b. June 15, 1929. After attending Brevard High School in Hendersonville, N. C., he enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Corps., where he is now stationed.

References:

Data from Mrs. John Thrash, West Asheville, N. C.

RANDLE BLEWETT SCHLATER, son of Romain Schlater and his wife, Regina Lily Weissinger, was born August 5, 1858 at Plaquemine, La., and died May 12, 1892 in a hospital in Covington, La., as the result of an operation. He married in 1882 at Shellmound, Leflore Co., Miss., Florence Elizabeth Wingfield who was born in Mobile, Ala., February 9, 1862 and died at Schlater, Miss., November 22, 1934, daughter of Warrington S. Wingfield and his wife, Elmira Weissinger. She married (2nd) DeWitt Clinton Anderson of Schlater. Randle B. Schlater and his wife are buried in the McNutt cemetery near Schlater.

Randle Schlater graudated from Roanoke College, Salem, Va., in the Class of 1878. He later received an LL.B. Degree from the University of Virginia.

Having inherited Maryland plantation in Lefore County, Mississippi from his uncle, Cap't Randle Blewett, Randle Schlater settled on this property soon after receiving his degree from the University of Virginia and lived there until his death.

Children: 4 (born on Maryland plantation, Leflore Co., Miss.,):

1. Randle Blewett, Jr. b. August 24, 1883;d.August 19, 1945
2. Edward Hill b. December 22, 1884
3. Walter Wingfield b. December 5, 1886;d. November 4, 1887
4. Regina W. b. September 27, 1888;d. December 19, 1888

References:

Cem. Inscs.:Univ. of Va. Recs.

THOMAS WEISSINGER SCHLATER, son of Romain and Regina Lily (Weissinger) Schlater, was born at Plaquemine, La., October 5, 1861 and died May 28, 1937 in Toledo, Ohio. On January 8, 1894 he married in Plaquemine, Mary Matthews who was born there March 18, 1869 and died in Orlando, Fla., February 8, 1951, daughter of Samuel Matthews and his wife, Tennessee Robertson.

Weissinger Schlater was a planter near Plaquemine until 1908, when he removed with his family to Nashville, Tenn., in order to avail them of the educational advantages offered in that city. He engaged in the harness business in Nashville and Murfreesboro. He then moved to Toledo, where he was associated with Gordon Mather in the manufacture of automobile truck springs. It is noteworthy that only a few days prior to his death, the entire company honored him with a surprise testimonial dinner.

Children: 3 (born at Plaquemine, La.):

1. Thomas Weissinger, Jr., b. October 25, 1894;d. December 25, 1938
2. Frederick M. b. August 17, 1901
3. Mary Elizabeth b. January 2, 1903;d. February 8, 1951

References:

Data from Frederick M. Schlater, New York City.

IRENE WINONA SCHLATER, daughter of Romain and Regina Lily Weissinger Schlater, was born at Plaquemine, La., March 17, 1867. She married Samuel LeBlanc of New Orleans. They were divorced and she removed to California, where she died several years ago.

Children: 3 (surname LeBlanc, born in New Orleans)

1. Regina
2. Frank
3. Samuel

References: Data from Mrs. R. B. Schlater, Greenwood, Miss.

ROME ERNESTINE SCHLATER was born in Plaquemine, La., May 7, 1873. She married in Salem, Va., October 15, 1901, William Johnston, who was born October 21, 1866 in Salem and died there February 10, 1942, son of John Johnston and his wife, Sara Jeter. He conducted a mercantile establishment in Salem. Mrs. Johnston lives in Salem.
Children: 3 (surname Johnston, born in Salem):

1. Irene Winona b. August 22, 1902
2. Mary Lewis b. September 14, 1906
3. Rome Schlater b. January 13, 1917

References:
Data from Mrs. William M. Tuttle, Salem, Va.

GUY COURTENAY BLEWETT, son of Guy David and Ada (Lide) Blewett, was born in Meridian, Miss. in 1900. He married in 1935, Martha Tinker, who was born in 1904. He lives with his family in Verona, Pa.
Children: 3:

1. David born, 1936
2. Lynne born, 1938
3. Dale born, 1941

References:
Data from Mrs. Mary B. Carothers, Citronelle, Ala.

John Glessner Lee, son of Blewett Harrison and Frances (Glessner) Lee, was born in Chicago, Ill,, December 5, 1898. He married in Hartford, Conn., June 1, 1926, Percy Maxim, who was born there, July 4, 1906, daughter of Hiram Percy Maxim and his wife, Josephine Hamilton.

John Lee granduated from Mass. Institute of Technology with a B. S. degree in 1921 and received a S.M. degree in 1922. He is an aeronautical engineer, living at Farmington, Connecticut.
Children: 4 (1st, 3rd and 4th born in Hartford, Conn, 2nd in Amityville, L.I., N. Y.)

1. John Maxim b. April 5, 1927
2. Percy b. July 4, 1929. He graduated from Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio with an A.B. degree in the Class of 1951.
3. Frances b. December 8, 1932
4. Hamilton b. April 27, 1936

References:
Data from Mrs. Charles F. Batchelder, Milton, Mass.

FRANCES LEE, daughter of Blewett Harrison and Frances (Glessner) Lee was born in Chicago, Ill., February 25, 1903 and died June 19, 1935. She married November 10, 1928, Marion Thruston Martin, who was born December 9, 1897 in Hopkins, Mo., son of Beverly Raleigh and Mabel Clark (Thruston) Martin. He received an A.B. degree in 1920 at Yale University, and graduated from the University of Chicago Law School in 1924 with a J.D. degree. He is a lawyer by profession. They have one adopted daughter, Suzanna, born February 14, 1934. M. T. Martin served in both World Wars.
References:
Data from Mrs. Charles F. Batchelder, Milton Mass.

MARTHA LEE, daughter of Blewett Harrison and Frances (Glessner) Lee, was born in Chicago, Illinois, November 11, 1906. She married November 13, 1927 in Bethlehem, N. Hampshire, Charles Foster Batchelder, Jr., who was born November 13, 1898 in Cambridge, Mass., son of Charles F. Batchelder and his wife, Laura Poor Stone.

Charles Batchelder, Jr., graduated from Harvard University with an A.B. degree in 1920, later receiving an S.B. degree in the Harvard Engineering School in 1922. He enlisted in the U. S. Army, November 5, 1918, and was detailed to the Officer's Training School at Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky, where he was discharged Dec. 17, 1918.

Charles Batchelder, Jr. is President of the Wright-Batchelder Corp., a leather manufacturing concern in Boston. The family resides at 71 Valley Road, Milton, Mass.
Children: 2 (surname Batchelder, 1st born in Augusta Maine, last in Boston):

1. Charles Foster, III b. July 1, 1930
2. Martha b. February 15, 1934

References:
Data from Mrs. Chas. F. Batchelder, Milton, Mass.

RICHARD GREEN CLARKE, JR. was born in Memphis, Tennessee, August 27, 1913. He married in Houston, Texas in the Trinity Episcopal Church, January 28, 1942, Juanita Muriel Foster, who was born in Waco, Texas, December 25, 1917, daughter of James Kinch Foster and his wife, Ella Robb.

Richard Clarke graduated from the University of Chattanooga at Chattanooga, Tenn., in the Class of 1935 with a BBA degree. He then attended the Law School of the University of Texas, where he received an LL.B degree in 1938. Juanita Foster received her B.A. degree from Rice Institute in Houston in 1940.

Serving in the Engineer Corps from June 14, 1941 to April 4, 1946, Richard Clarke was discharged with rank of Major.

He is an attorney-at-law and the real estate loan representative of the American General Investment Corporation of Houston, Texas. His residence is at 2606 Tangley Road in Houston.
Children: 2 (1st born in Columbus, Ohio, last in Houston, Texas):

1. Nancy Antoinette born July 18, 1945
2. Carolyn Muriel August 26, 1947

References:
Data from Richard G. Clarke, Jr., Houston, Texas

RANDLE BLEWETT SCHLATER, Jr., son of Randle Blewett and Florence Elizabeth (Wingfield) Schlater, was born August 24, 1883 on Maryland Plantation, Leflore Co., Miss., and died in Greenwood, Miss., August 19, 1945. He married there November 3, 1909, Mary McNeil Galloway who was born September 14, 1887 at Kosciusko, Miss, daughter of William Joseph Galloway and his wife, Sara Jane Jones.

Randle Schlater graduated from Mississippi A.&M. College, now Mississippi State College, in the Class of 1905. He later attended Eastman Business College in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Mary Galloway also graduated with a B.S. degree from Mississippi A. & M. in the Class of 1905. She studied further at Virginia College, Roanoke, Va.

Immediately after receiving his education, Randle Schlater returned to Schlater, Miss., to carry on his planting interests. A few years later he removed to Greenwood, where he became one of the leading citizens of the city. He was District Manager for the Lamar Life Insurance Co. of Jackson, Miss., and was a member of the Board of Directors of that company for many years. In Greenwood his many public offices included member of the Board of Directors of the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce, charter member and past-president of the Greenwood Rotary Club, charter member of the Greenwood Country Club, Board of Directors of the Whittington Dry Goods Co., Board of Directors of the Bank of Greenwood, 32nd Degree Mason, and Finance Chairman of the Board of Deacons of the First Baptist Church of Greenwood.

Mrs. Schlater is prominent in the civic life of Greenwood. She is a member of the U.D.C., the Matinee Musicals, the P.T.A. the Women's Christian Service Societies of the First Methodist Church, and was a member of the Board of the Greenwood Public Library for twelve years.
Children: 5 (born in Greenwood)

1. Sarah Elizabeth b. January 14, 1911
2. Mary Blewett b. October 23, 1916
3. Frances Keating b. January 12, 1919
4. Randle Blewett, III b. April 9, 1922; d. December 9, 1923
5. Mildred Terrell b. March 12, 1925

References:
Data from Mrs. R. B. Schlater, Jr., Greenwood, Miss.

EDWARD HILL SCHLATER, son of Randle Blewett and Florence Elizabeth (Wingfield) Schlater, was born on Maryland Plantation, Leflore Co., Miss., December 22, 1884. He married in Yazoo City, Miss., June 19, 1907, Evie Shannon, who was born there, July 28, 1887, daughter of John Simpson Shannon and his wife, Mary Elizabeth Cooper.

Like his brother, Edward H. Schlater graduated from Mississippi A.& A. College, now Mississippi State, in the Class of 1905. He then attended Eastman Business College in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. His residence is in Schlater, Miss., where he has planting interests and conducts a real estate business. He is a member of the Board of Deacons of the Baptist Church. Possessed with a beautiful voice, his wife is prominent in the affairs of the Schlater Methodist Church, and is interested in the civic affairs of the community, and is a member of the local U.D. C. Chapter.

Child: 1 (born in Yazoo City, Miss.):

1. Mary Elizabeth b. June 16, 1909

References:

Data from E. H. Schlater, Schlater, Miss.

THOMAS WEISSINGER SCHLATER, Jr., son of Thomas Weissinger and Mary (Matthews) Schlater, was born at Plaquemine, La., October 25, 1894 and died in Nashville, Tenn., December 25, 1938. On August 28, 1928 he married in Nashville, Mary Hughes. She married (2nd) Albert Rose of Nashville.

Weissinger Schlater received his preparatory education at Branham and Hughes School, Spring Hill, Tenn. Entering Vanderbilt University in Nashville, he was a member of Beta Theta Pi and graduated with an A.B. degree in 1918, having been awarded the Founders' Medal for the highest grades for four years. He received his LL.B. degree in 1920. Practising law in Nashville, he was a member of the Tennessee legislature.

Children: 2 (born in Nashville)

1. Thomas Weissinger III b. November 28, 1929. He is a member of the Class of 1952 at Vanderbilt University.
2. Mary Hughes b. November 2, 1934

References:

Data from Mrs. Albert P. Rose, 4409 Franklin Road, Nashville, Tenn., Vanderbilt University Alumni Recs.

FREDERICK M. SCHLATER, son of Thomas Weissinger and Mary (Matthews) Schlater, was born at Plaquemine, La., August 17, 1901. He married December 23, 1928, Martha Kingree of Shelbyville, Tenn. No children.

F. M. Schlater received his prepatory education at Montgomery Bell Academy in Tennessee. He matriculated at Vanderbilt University where he was a member where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi. He graduated with an A.B. degree in the Class of 1925 and received his LL.B. from the same institution in 1927. He is associated with the law firm of Duer & Taylor, 74 Trinity Place, New York City.

References:

F. M. Schlater, New York City, Vanderbilt University Alumni Recs.

MARY ELIZABETH SCHLATER, daughter of Thomas Weissinger and Mary (Matthews) Schlater was born in Plaquemine, La., January 2, 1903, and died in Orlando, Fla., February 8, 1951. She married October 10, 1936, Dr. Horace Asa Day, who was born May 1, 1894, son of John Jesse Day and his wife, Malinda Jane McGinnis.

Mary Elizabeth Schlater attended Vanderbilt University. Horace A. Day is a practising physician in Orlando, Fla.

Children: 2 (surname Day):

1. Mary Alice b. September 2, 1940
2. John Horace b. November 4, 1942

References: Data from Horace A. Day., M. D., Orlando, Fla.

WINONA LeBLANC, daughter of Samuel and Irene Winona (Schlater) LeBlanc, was born in New Orleans, La., she married (1) Thomas Johnston; (2) John Braummer.

Child: 1 (surname Johnston):
References: Data from Mrs. R. B. Schlater, Greenwood, Mississippi.

IRENE WINONA JOHNSTON, daughter of William Johnston and Rome Ernestine Schlater, was born in Salem, Va., August 22, 1902. She married in Charlottsville, Va., December 27, 1934, Richmond Thomas Bell, who was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 9, 1905, son of Edgar Lee Bell and his wife, Clara May Greer. He married (1st) Francenia M. Hamilton, by whom he had one daughter, Francenia May.

Winona Johnston attended Elizabeth College, which burned in 1921, and received an A.B. degree from Vanderbilt University in 1923. She taught school in Salem and Charlottsville, Va., prior to her marriage.

Dr. Richmond Bell graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a B.S. degree in Chemistry in 1927. In the same year he entered the University of Virginia for further study and received his Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry there in 1930. He is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, Alpha Chi Sigma, Scabbard and Blade, Sigma Xi, Masons, S.A.R., and the Mayflower Descendants.

At the University of Virginia he was teaching fellow from 1927 to 1930; acting asst. prof. general chemistry from 1930 to 1935; ss. prof. general chemistry from 1931 to 1935; acting asst. dean from 1931 to 1935. From 1935 to 1937 he was instructor of mathematics in the Andrew Lewis School. From 1937 to 1942 he was senior resident chemist for the Pure Oil Co., and is now research supervisor for the Pure Oil Co. at Crystal Lake, Ill., with residence at Grayslake, Illinois.

He has registered 28 patents and has made numerous contributions to scientific publications. He is a member of the Registered Prof. Engineers of the State of Ill., A.C.S., A.A.A.S., Ill. Acad of Science, A.P.I., A.W.P.A., and is listed in American Men of Science, Chemical "Who's Who", and a number of genealogies including Richmond, Williams, Boone, Leaming and Foote.

Mrs. Bell takes a prominent part in the civic activities of Grayslake. She is a member of the Library Board, the Grayslake Womans Club, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, and the Grayslake Home Bureau.

Children: 3(surname Bell, 1st born in Roanoke, Va., last in Highland Park, Ill.):

1. Winona Johnston b. November 8, 1935
2. Ruth Richmond b. February 7, 1939
3. Richmond Thomas,II b. September 11, 1942

References: Data from Mrs. Richmond T. Bell, 294 Westerfield Place, Grayslake, Ill.

MARY LEWIS JOHNSTON, daughter of Willima and Rome Ernestine (Schlater) Johnston, was born in Salem, Va., September 14, 1906. She married there, March 20, 1937, Charles Eugene Rowe, who was born June 13, 1911 in Heathsville, Va., son of Carroll Jett Rowe and his wife, Evelyn Hall.

Charles E. Rowe was educated at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, receiving a B.S. degree in Business Adminsitration in 1933. During the World War, he held an important position for a mill which was active in furnishing defense materials. He is treasurer of the Burlington Mills Corp. of Greensboro, N. C. The family lives in Greensboro.

Children: 2 (surname Rowe, born in Greensboro)

1. Charles Eugene, Jr. b. February 9, 1939
2. Nancy Lewis b. January 6, 1942

References: Data from Mrs. E. C. Rowe, 400 Nottingham Drive, Greensboro, N. C.

ROME SCHLATER JOHNSTON, daughter of William and Rome Ernestine (Schlater) Johnston, was born in Salem, Va., January 13, 1917. On October 25, 1947, she married in Greensboro, N. C., William McComb Tuttle, who was born December 27, 1910 in Craigsville, Va., son of John Brooks Tuttle and his wife, Mary Rebecca McCutchan.

William Tuttle graduated from the Craigsville High School and attended business college. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army for three and one-half years, most of the service having been spent over-seas. He is a salesman, living in Salem, Va.

Child: 1 (surname Tuttle, born in Roanoke, Va.):
1. Robert Johnston b. August 21, 1949
References: Data from Mrs. William M. Tuttle, 230 W. Main St., Salem, Va.

G-G-G-Grandchildren of THOMAS GARTON BLEWETT & REGINA DeGRAFFENRIED

JOHN MAXIM LEE, son of John Glessner and Percy (Maxim) Lee was born in Hartford, Conn., April 5, 1927. On February 11, 1948 he married in Boulder Colo., Rosalie Virginia Benton, who was born in Boston, Massachusetts, October 3, 1927, daughter of Frank May Benton and his wife, Louise Mosby Snead.

John M. Lee received his education at M.I.T. where he graduated in 1951 with a B.S. degree. Rosalie Benton attended the University of Colorado from 1945 to 1947. John Lee served from July 6, 1945 to December 19, 1946 in the Medical Corps of the U.S. A.A.F. with rank of Sergeant. He is a chemical engineer.
Children: 2 (born in Boston, Mass.):
1. Virginia b. September 21, 1948
2. Stephen Maxim b. February 13, 1951
References: Data from Mrs. Charles F. Batchelder, Milton, Mass.

SARA ELIZABETH SCHLATER, daughter of Randle Blewett Schlater, Jr., and his wife, Mary McNeil Galloway, was born January 14, 1911 in Greenwood, Miss. On July 15, 1933 she married there, Wesley Howard Appleton who was born August 9, 1900 in Collinsville, Alabama, son of Dr. Thomas H. Appleton and his wife, Emma Ophelia Coker.

Howard ("Buck") Appleton received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Auburn Poly. Institute in Auburn, Ala., in the years of 1922 and 1925 respectively. While at Auburn, he played on the Varsity foot-ball team and belonged to the Square and Compass Fraternity. Sara Elizabeth Schlater graduated from Mississippi State College for Women with a B.S. degree in the Class of 1930. She was a member of Lantern Honor Society, the Glee Club, was the groom in the Junior-Freshman wedding and held the offices of Secretary and Vice-President of the Student Government.

Howard Appleton enlisted in the U.S. Army in the fall of 1918, and was a member of the Officers Reserve Corps from 1922 to 1932. From July 1922 to August 1923, he taught Agriculture at the Southern A.&M. Institute at Greensboro, Ala. He was Graduate Asst. in Agronomy and Soils at Auburn from August 1923 to May 1925. He was then Assistant in Agronomy in the Alabama Experiment Station at Auburn until July 1927, when he became connected with the N. V. Potash Export Co., as agronomist, traveling in Alabama. In the summer of 1933, he joined the Nitrogen Division of the Barret Co., in Alabama as agronomist and salesman. From 1936 to 1947, he was salesman for the Potash Co. of America throughout the South Central and Southwestern states. He is now sales manager for the same firm with central offices in Atlanta, Ga. He is also partner in the Southland Hatchery in Collinsville, Ala.

He belongs to the East Lake Country Club in Atlanta, is a member of the Board of Stewards of the Peachtree Road Methodist Church and is a member of the Atlanta Auburn Club. His name appears in the 1951 Edition of "Chemical Who's Who".

While living in Montgomery, Ala., Sara Elizabeth Appleton was secretary of the American Association of the University Women. She is Vice Pres. of the Wesley Fellowship Sunday School class of the Peachtree Road Methodist Church, and is also prominent in the P.T.A. in Atlanta, having served as room mother for several years.
Children: 2 (surname Appleton, born in Montgomery, Ala.):
1. Sara Elizabeth b. May 20, 1937
2. Mary Coker b. April 29, 1940
References: Data from Mrs. W. H. Appleton, Atlanta, Ga.

MARY BLEWETT SCHLATER, daughter of Randle Blewett and Mary McNeil (Galloway) Schlater, was born October 23, 1916 in Greenwood, Miss. On July 14, 1938 she married there, Guy William Mitchell, Jr., who was born February 4, 1912 in Tupelo, Miss., son of Guy William and Rosa (Rodgers) Mitchell.

Guy Mitchell, Jr. attended Southwestern University in Memphis, Tenn. in 1931 and 1932. Transferring to the University of Mississippi, he graduated from the Law School there in 1935. A member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Phi Delta Phi at the University of Mississippi, he was President of the Y.M.C.A., a member of Blue Key, attached to the "Law Journal" staff, and was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1935. He was also elected "Colonel Rebel" in his Senior year.

Blewett Schlater graduated from Mississippi State College for Women in 1938. In her Freshman year, she was in the Junior-Freshman wedding, and was later president of the Varsity Orchestra and a member of the Maskers.

On October 28, 1942, Guy Mitchell volunteered in the U.S. Army and was inducted into service at Camp Shelby, Miss. He entered the Air Corps O.C.S. at Miami Beach, Fla., December 15, 1942, receiving his commission, March 3, 1943. He was assigned to duty at Material Command at Wright Field, Ohio. He was discharged with rank of Captain, January 26, 1946.

Guy Mitchell and his family live in Tupelo where he is a practising attorney-at-law.

Child: 1 (surname Mitchell, born in Springfield, Ohio.):

1. Guy William,III b. February 26, 1944

References: Data from G. W. Mitchell, Jr., Tupelo, Mississippi.

FRANCES KEATING SCHLATER, daughter of Randle Blewett and Mary McNeil (Galloway) Schlater, was born in Greenwood, Miss., January 12, 1919. She married there, April 7, 1942, Floyd M. Melton who was born in Charleston, Miss., September 15, 1915, son of Mortimer Randolph and Mary Florence (Topp) Melton. Frances Schlater attended Stephens College in Columbia, Mo.

Floyd Melton served in the U.S. Army Air Force from March 25, 1942 to December 5, 1945. With rank of 1st Lt., he was stationed at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho, and acted as a pilot instructor for B-24's.

Returning to his home in Greenwood, Floyd Melton entered the insurance business and is agent for the Lamar Life Insurance Co. there. He has served as Commander of the local American Legion Post, and is a deacon of the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwood. Frances Melton is active in the social welfare of the city and is a member of the Junior Auxiliary.

Children: 3 (surname Melton, born in Greenwood):

1. Floyd M., Jr. b. November 13, 1943
2. Martha b. October 12, 1947
3. Mary Randle b. July 10, 1949

References: Data from Mrs. Floyd M. Melton, Greenwood, Mississippi.)

MILDRED TERRELL SCHLATER, daughter of Randle Blewett Schlater and his wife, Mary McNeil Galloway, was born March 12, 1925 in Greenwood, Miss. She married there September 21, 1946, Joseph Augustus Landers who was born August 22, 1921 in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., son of William Joseph Landers and his wife, Ellen Marie Fisher.

Joseph Landers attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the American Academy of Embalming and Mortuary Research in New York City. Mildred Schlater was educated at Stephens College, Columbia, Mo., and the University of North Carolina, where she was a member of Chi Omega.

Joseph Landers served in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1947. When discharged, he was serving aboard the U.S.S. Sarsfield, with rank of Ensign. The family lives in Tupelo, Miss., where Joseph Landers is office manager of the Blue Bell Mfg. Co.

Child: 1 (surname Landers, born in Charlotte, N. C.):

1. William Joseph b. August 12, 1949
2. Edward Randle b. February 25, 1954 in Tupelo, Miss.

References: Data from Mrs. J. A. Landers, Tupelo, Miss.

MARY ELIZABETH SCHLATER, daughter of Edward Hill Schlater and his wife, Evie Shannon, was born at Yazoo City, June 16, 1909. She married there, November 21, 1931, George Guase Whitten who was born in Sumner Miss., August 21, 1907, son of

Albert Leland Whitten and his wife, Dora Gause.

George Whitten received his education at the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee, and the University of Mississippi. Mary Elizabeth Schlater attended Martha Washington College at Abingdon, Va., and Louisiana State University.

George Whitten is in the hardware business in Sumner and conducts a real estate agency also. During World War II, he served as Field Director for the American Red Cross.

Child: 1 (surname Whitten, born in Sumner):

1. George Schlater b. November 21, 1941

References: Data from Mrs. George C. Whitten, Sumner, Miss.

BLEWETTS NOT RELATED TO OUR BRANCH OF THE FAMILY

As I told you in the chapter, "The Quest", I have heard from a great many more Blewetts, who are not descendants of our William Blewett, than I have from those who are, and to correctly quote from all these letters would take a volumn in itself, but I am going to briefly touch on some of these letters, which are of especial interest, as well as to give you the names and addresses of Blewetts not only in the United States, but in Canada, England, South Africa, Belgium and Japan.

Some of these Blewetts that I have catalogued as not being descendants of William Blewett may be mistaken in their ancestry, as some of them are very vague and some would have no positive knowledge of their ancestors.

This survey will not take into account any of these spelling their names, Blewitt, Bluet, Bluitt or Bluit, but, as covered in the chapter entitled, "The Name",I believe we all stem from the same branch back in ancient days.

BLEWETTS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Mrs. K. Trenoweth, No. 8 Norfolk House, 119 Kitzinger Ave., Brakpan, Transvall, South Africa, saw the article in a Cornwall newspaper, writes she is a daughter of Edward Blewett and her uncles, Willy, Dick and Henry Blewett, immigrated from Camborne, Cornwall, England to America many years ago and her brother, Arthur Blewett resides in Camborne, England, now.

William Blewett, No. 3 Colinsey Road, Treneere Estate, Penzance, Cornwall, England has furnished me with lots of information, most of which is based on rumors and hear-say, and I have quoted him in the chapter devoted to "Fiction and Facts". He was a sergeant in World War I, and his father, William Blewett, I, was a sergeant in the Boer War, and was a grandson of John Blewett and a great-grandson of Edward Blewett. His father's uncle, William Henry Blewett came to America in about 1900.

S. S. Blewett, No. 7, Thornberry Terrace, Penzance, Cornwall, England was a son of Stephen Blewett and a grandson of Richard Buckling Blewett.

John Blewett, 18 St. Peters Square, Newlyn, N. W., Penzance Cornwall, England was a son of Richard Blewett and Dorothy Payne Blewett.

George Wallace Blewett, Romneya, Kingston R., Loues, Susses, England, son of Henry James Blewett.

Mrs. J. A. Blewett, Kashgar 27 West Hill Way, Totteridge, England has no further information concerning her family.

E. J. Blewett, 11 Wesley St., Heamoor, Penzance, Cornwall, England, son of Edward James Blewett has no further information.

Ethel G. Blewett, The Bottoms, St. Buryan, Penzance, Cornwall, England, wife of Joseph Blewett, grandson of William Henry Trenoweth Blewett, whose father was Edgar Blewett.

Richard Blewett, 46 Chapel St., Penzance, Cornwall, England, son of George Edwin and Grace Rogers Blewett, brother of Edwin Charles Blewett, Ben Rogers Blewett, Richard Pope Blewett, Frederick, Blewett, Lizzie Blewett, Vira Blewett and Anna Ada Blewett.

Mrs. Eileen Stevens, 36 Caldwell Road, Penzance, Cornwall, England was a daughter of Matilda Luke Blewett, granddaughter of Thomas Blewett, writes her mother's brother, Thomas John Blewett, has not been heard from since the first day of World War I. Mrs. J. Prior, Meeting Lane, High St., Needingworth, England first married

Seth Blewett, who was killed in World War I, leaving two children, Seth William Blewett and Eileen Blewett.

Arthur Blewett, No. 3 Vean Terrace North Penzance, Cornwall, England was a son of John Blewett.

J. Thomas Blewett, Trevean Meneage Rd., Haleston, Cornwall writes he has Blewetts on both sides of the family, as his maternal great-grandmother was also a Blewett and at one time resided in Detroit.

Mr. F. Johns, 47 Mount Pleasant, Hayle, Cornwall, England, writes me her great-grandfather, William Blewett went to Brazil in about 1700, but perhaps she is mistaken for this may be our William Blewett, who came to America instead of Brazil about that time.

William Montague Blewett whose address is Esteem Packet, Hayle, Cornwall, England, son of William James Blewett and grandson of William Thomas Blewett.

Seth William Blewett, Church St., Needingworth, Huntingdonshire, son of Seth Blewett, who was killed in France in World War I.

Edward James Blewett, Wesley St., Heamoor, Cornwall, England claims to be a descendant of William Blewett who died in England leaving no will and whose large estate was placed in chancery as mentioned in another part of this work.

Other Blewetts in England and their addresses:

C. H. Blewett, 12 Stanley Road, London, England
E. A. H. Blewett, 95 Whitehall Gardens, London, England
E. C. Blewett, 113 Kingscourt Road, London, England
F. E. Blewett, 36 Hughenden Gardens, Northolt, London, England
George A. Blewett, 10 Tabernacle Avenue, London, England
Miss G. L. Blewett, 42 Chenstow Place, London, England
H. Blewett, 66 Wynchgate, London, England
Harry Blewett, Tbcnst, Confctnr, 103 Vallance Road, London, England
H. J. Blewett, 27 West Hill Way, London, England
H. M. Blewett & Son, Ltd., Oakum Mfgrs, 175 Devons Road, London, England
H. R. Blewett, 286 Bedonwall Road Belvedere, London, England
J. G. Blewett, 7A Central par, London, England
Mrs. Madge Blewett, 21 Sutherland Place, London, England
M. E. Blewett, 14 Newton Grove, London, England
Miss Nora Blewett, 42 Queensville Road, London, England
Reginald T. Blewett, 284 Court Road, London, England
Richard F. Blewett, 5 Theobalds Road, London, England
W. G. Blewett & Co., 20 Greyhound Lane, London, England
Blewett's Off-License, 210 Lyndhurst Drive, London, England

Mr. R. F. Blewett, c/o Belgian Sun Oil Company, 39 Marche Aux Souliers, Anvers, Belgium, writes me that his father, Frances H. B. Blewett of Boston, Massachusetts, believed that his great-grandfather, James Blewett of Cornwall, England died intestate leaving a considerable fortune which went to chancery, but after collecting considerable information and data this was all destroyed in a fire in Boston in 1919.

A younger brother, D. H. Blewett of 1504 West Evergreen St., Durant, Oklahoma, attended the convention of the Blewett clan held in Richardson, Texas, May 31, 1953, and had the pleasure of meeting him and his family but regret to say I have nothing further on this family.

Mrs. E. B. Collins, 14 Paulina St., East Somerville, Massachusetts, and Mrs. F. Povelite, 5046 North Mango Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, are his fathers sisters.

Fred and Gladys Blewett, 905 Laurel St., New Westminister, Canada, writes me that his father, Fred Blewett, Sr. resides at 714 18th Avenue, Burnaby, Canada.

B. M. Blewett resides at 2104 37th Ave., Vancouver, British Columbia.

ILLINOIS

Hon. Quentin Blewett, attorney-at-law, 124 East Wilson St., Batavia, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, writes me that his great-grandfather, William Blewett, was born

in Camden, Cornwall, England in 1807 and died in Galena, Illinois, September 8, 1852. His father, William H. Blewett was born in Camden, Cornwall, England, May 8, 1835 and died in Galena, Illinois in 1918. His sister, Mary Pierce Blewett, married James Hudson and lives in Galena, Illinois. He also has a brother, James Blewett, who never married.

OHIO

Mrs. E. Blewett, 82 233rd St., Cleveland, Ohio, writes me that she is a native of England. She has seven sons and one daughter. Two of her sons are now in England and five are in America.

William G. Blewett, one of the sons, is president of the Southern Coal Co., 333 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill., and I had the pleasure of meeting him several years ago.

J. B. Blewett, 1719 Riverside Ave., Wellsville, Ohio, writes me that he is not interested in Genealogy and to count him out.

Albert Blewett, 23800 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, writes me that his father, Ernest Blewett, was born in Cornwall, England, died in 1936 and had the following children: Ernest, James, John, William, Albert, Gordon, Gladys and Douglas Blewett.

Mrs. Charles B. Blewett of 216 Post Square, Cincinatti, Ohio writes me that her husband's father was William T. Blewett of Galena, Ill., his grandfather, Hudson Blewett and this Hudson Blewett lived to be 108 years old.

Mrs. Gordon Blewett, 17605 Schenley Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, writes me that her husband is the son of Ernest and Elizabeth Blewett, who arrived in Cleveland, Ohio from England in 1923.

OREGON

There are many Blewetts in Oregon, but the only record I have is Mrs. Victor L. Blewett of 3116 Southeast 77th Ave., Portland, Oregon. His mother, Donna Blewett, resides at 311 West Lane St., Roseberry, Oregon.

Vale Blewett lives in Utah.

Velda Blewett lives in San Francisco, California.

Vera Blewett lives in Monterrey, California.

Virginia Blewett lives in San Diego, California.

Vestal Blewett is in Alaska.

Vight Blewett is in the United States Army.

It is rather strange that all this family's names begin with a V.

At the time I was in Portland a few years ago, the Chief of Detectives in Portland was a Blewett, who told me he left England about twenty years ago.

NEW YORK STATE

Hon. John F. Blewett, 32 Broadway, New York City, writes me that his father, Thomas J. Blewett was born in County Limerick, Ireland and came to the United States in 1893. One of his ancestors was a General under Napoleon.

James T. Blewett of 473 Hopkins St., Buffalo, New York, Writes me that he has nothing to give me on his family.

John P. Blewett, Long Island, New York, writes me that his great-grandfather, George John Blewett was born in Cornwall, England in 1805 and immigrated to Canada in 1850. His grandfather, William Blewett, and his father another George John Blewett have since passed away.

Sally A. Blewett, Buffalo, New York, writes me that James Blewett, John Blewett and her father are employed at the Eastern Division of General Mills.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Edward Y. Blewett, Dean, University of New Hampshire, Durham, N. H. says he is a son of Howard Barnes Blewett, who was born in London, England, in 1876, and who now resides in Florida. He, Edward Y. Blewett, was born in Yonkers, New York in 1905.

TENNESSEE

Mrs. Owen D. James, Route 1, London, Tennessee, writes me that her mother was a Blewett, her grandmother having married Thomas Blewett in Cornwall, England and who came to America in 1780, settling in Leechbury, Pennsylvania.

UTAH

A very interesting correspondence resulted with Mrs. Blewett, 4290 South 27th St., Salt Lake City, Utah, the wife of Robert Joseph Charles Blewett, who moved to Salt Lake City from Canada in January 1951. Her husband is an elder in the Church of Latter Day Saints.

VIRGINIA

William E. Blewett, Jr., with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co., Newport News, Virginia, states that his ancestor, William Blewett was born in England in 1784 and his son, Edward, Jr., was born in 1775, and his father, William Edward, is a descendant of that branch of the family. He also states that his great-grandfather, William and his grandfather, Benjamin, were mining engineers and were instrumental in the discovery of copper in the Lake Superior region.

WASHINGTON STATE

Mrs. Neta Blewett Sherbon, 1503 Stage St., Pullman, Washington, gives me some very interesting information and complete genealogy of her branch of the family and has a brother, Francis M. Blewett, who lives at Stiles, Idaho and Gilbert at Lewiston, Idaho. Strange to relate she has the same story of one, William Blewett, being deported from England for getting a switch off of a tree on the estate of a nobleman, such as is alleged to have occured to my ancestor, William Blewett. Her ancestor, John Blewett, was born in Cornwall, England in 1799.

Clare M. Blewett, 1600 East John St., Seattle, Washington, has been very cooperative in giving me considerable information concerning his branch of the family. His father, Hannibal Harry Blewett was born in 1870 and moved to Seattle in 1897.

I am indebted to the Walla Walla Public Library for most interesting information concerning J. H. Blewett, who was elected Probate Judge on June 6, 1864, receiving 346 votes out of 596 and on December 8 he was appointed Assessor and on June 5, 1865 was Auditor of Walla Walla County, but so far have not been able to find any information concerning this illustrious gentleman.

Mr. Clare M. Blewett also gives me the names of other Blewetts taken from telephone directories in his possession:

Hon. George Francis Grimm Blewett: This Blewett, while not related to my branch of the family, is, I think, entitled to special mention for the service he has rendered his country. He is a descendant of Andrew Blewett and was born in Jamestown, North Dakota. His brother, Joseph A. Blewett, was born in Jamestown, North Dakota in 1890 and served in France as a Lieutenant of Artillery. He then returned to California and was sent to an island in the Pacific to mine gold, but has not been heard from since the Japanese invasion in 1941. He was unmarried.

George Francis Grimm Blewett, born Jamestown, N. D., graduate of Columbia University. Admitted to practice of law in Philadelphia in 1927. Specialized in trial law before all state and federal courts. In 1946 was selected as Defense Counsel for

Japanese major war criminals before International Military Tribunal for the Far East in Tokyo, Japan. Defense Counsel for ex-Premier Hideki Tojo and General Counsel for Pacific War phase of the trial. At end of two and one-half year trial, was selected by General MacArthur as General Counsel to Deconcentration Review Board. In late 1949 returned to Philadelphia and became associated with the legal firm of Benn, Blewett and Benn. Early in 1951 returned to Japan and was admitted to practice in Tokyo by Japanese Supreme Court. Prior to establishing an office was urged by Air Force to accept special assignment with FEAF Bomber Command. At conclusion of assignment expects to engage in practice of international law with offices in Tokyo, New York City, Washington, D. C., and Philadelphia. In 1919 married Marguerite Marie Burns of Washington, D. C., pianist and dramatic reader. Daughter, Barron Blewett, born 1924. Educated at Miss Porter's School, Farmington, Conn. and graduate of Wellesley College. Married to Commander, United States Navy.

He was also wounded in World War I and was wounded and decorated.

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Mrs. Laura Blewett Gregory, 2325 Shibley Avenue, San Jose, California, as follows: John Blewett was born in Cornwall, England, December 7, 1858 and married my mother in Butte, Montana in 1888, adopting my mother's two sons by previous marriage. These two sons, John Elmer and Vergal M. Blewett now live in California.

My parents were divorced in 1918, then on July 3, 1918, my father married Margaret Corelli who was 33 years old. On the 21st day of March he died from causes unknown. He was mayor of our town, president of the bank and severed several sessions in the State Legislature of Montana.

PENNSYLVANIA

Mrs. John Blewett of 1415 Atkins St., Erie, Pennsylvania, furnished me with a lot of genealogy concerning her branch of the family, which seems to be related to Hon. Stephen A. Blewett of Stockton, California.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Mrs. Bertha M. Blewett writes me that her husband, John Blewett's father, came from Cornwall, England and lived in Ashley, Pennsylvania.

David George Blewett of 1208 West 28th St., Sioux Falls, South Dakota, says he was born in Neath Wales, England in 1891.

CALIFORNIA

California seems to have more Blewetts than any other state or at least that is my experience as I have had more contacts from this state, by far.

Edward Blewett and his brother, Bill Blewett are such out-standing characters I deem it proper to give them special mention.

Miss Myrtle Blewett of 895 Kensington Road, Los Angeles, California, daughter of Edward Blewett, wrote me under date of July 6, 1951, as follows:

"My father, Edward Blewett, was a part of a wonderful period of American history and the development of the West, and I regret I have so few authentic records of his life.

Father was born in England, July 14, 1848, and died in Los Angeles in August 1929. Married Carrie Van Anda in Fremont, Nebraska, April 4, 1870. Their home was in Fremont, Nebraska until they moved to Los Angeles in December 1903. Six children were born to my father and mother:

Nellie Blewett born 1871 - Died 1910. She married Paul Colsen in 1892 and their home was in Fremont, Nebraska where Paul Colson is living now.

Ralph Blewett - Now living in Beverly Hills, California.

Alta Blewett - Now living in Los Angeles. Married Julius Johnson of Fremont, Nebraska. Three children were born to them; Kathryn, Edith Mae and Paul.

Myrtle Blewett - Now living in Los Angeles. Retired school teacher. Taught music in California schools for thirty-seven years.

Edward Blewett was brought to this country when a very young child. His mother was typically English in accent and manner. His father, whose given name I do not know, died when Edward was about seven years old. His mother remarried and as Edward did not like his stepfather he ran-away from his Wisconsin home and never returned. At that time he was nine years old. Edward never forgot his mother whom he loved. After his marriage, his mother was a frequent visitor in his home and for many years he helped her financially. Some of the facts concerning my father's life are: -

He was the youngest contractor on the Union Pacific Railroad when the tracks were laid into Salt Lake City. Fifty years later when a celebration of this event was held, the U.P. honored father by asking him to be present.

He was president of the "Oregon Horse and Land Company." I have a book of pictures showing how the wild horses of the Western States were shipped into Fremont, Nebraska and there tamed in the stockyards of the company.

He was the first man to bring a boat load of Percheron horses to this country. In 1884 he went to France and brought back a boat loaded with these powerful horses. He sold them in Chicago and other large cities where they were used to haul where horses of great strength were needed.

During the years of 1888 to 1895 my father dealt extensively in sheep and drove herds over the mountains every year at a great risk and danger to himself and herds, but made about $50,000 each year.

In 1892 father was in the real estate business in Seattle. Mother and five of us children spent the summer there with him.

I do not know when he first became interested in mining. I think it was about 1889. He was identified with many of the big mines of the West and was working on a claim in California up to a few weeks before his death at 81 years of age.

Blewett Mountain and Blewett Pass were named for my father. There is also a small town called Blewett and a Blewett mine. This mine was worked by my father and his younger brother, Bill. Bill Blewett was a typical mining man, drifting from one job to another and working with my father. Bill died in 1925 in Nevada where he had been living and mining for a number of years."

Mrs. Mabel Rawlinson Cruse, 1309½ No. Fairfax Ave., Hollywood, California, writes me that she is a descendant of Mary Grace Blewett, who was born in Penzance, England in 1867, the eldest daughter of Joseph T. Blewett.

Mrs. Amos O. Williams, 323 South 15th St., San Jose, Calif. writes me that she is a daughter of Charles Blewett, who was born in Cornwall, England on October 28, 1843 and of the nine children, she and her sister, Mrs. Luther Hobson of Paradise, Calif. and Charles Arthur Blewett of San Jose, Calif. are the only ones living.

Mrs. F. W. Blewett, 6812 Templeton, St., Huntingdon Park, Calif. does not give me any information, other than that all the Blewetts she knows are Catholics.

Mrs. Ethel Blewett, 518 West Hadley St., Whittier, Calif., who writes me that her husband, Elmer Blewett was an adopted son of John Blewett, who was born in Cornwall, England and settled in Montana, where he married Mrs. Clara Newberry and from the marriage the following children were born: Grace Blewett Thornton, who now resides at Frombert, Montana and Laura Blewett Gregory of Oakland, Calif.

Thomas B. Blewett, 761 Raymond Ave., Long Beach, Calif. says he was born in Newlyn, Cornwall, England and came to America when he was eighteen years old. His father died when he was one year old and his mother when he was six. He was reared in an orphans home near London.

Miss Eddie Ray Blewett, 1020 Castillo, Santa Barbara, Calif. is the daughter of Ray Paul Blewett and resides with her father's brother, Harry W. Blewett.

Under the chapter devoted to Blewett Mountain and Blewett Pass, you will find more information concerning this interesting and illustrious family.

James J. Blewett, 3106 9th Ave., Los Angeles, Director of Physical Education, Manual High School, Los Angeles, believes that his grandfather, Thomas Henry Blewett left England in about 1838 and settled in Napanee, Ontario, Canada, where his father, George Albert Blewett was born in 1849. He married Sophie Morris Kerry in 1894 and the following children were born: George Albert, Jr., died 1917; James J. Blewett; John Henry Blewett, residing in Manhatten Beach, California; Richard Blewett, Santa Rose, Calif; William F., Los Angeles; Frances Elizabeth, Los Angeles; Johanna Louisa residing in Arcadia, California.

George Blewett, 512 5th St., Manhatten Beach, Calif, writes me that his grandfather was born in Cornwall, England and migrated to Canada, where he fathered fourteen children, including three sets of twins. His father, John H. Blewett had two sons, John H., Jr., and George Albert, III, three daughters, Barbara, Ritta and Dorothy.

Mrs. H. W. Gregory, Crannell, Calif. is a daughter of John Blewett.

John Milton Blewett, Watsonville, Calif. was a son of John Blewett, who was born at Crowan Praze, Cornwall, England, the son of William Blewett and states that his grandfather, William Blewett, was the one who left the fortune that was held by chancery in England.

Hon. Stephen H. Blewett, Attorney, 904 Bank of America Bldg., Stockton, Calif., writes me that his father and grandfather were born in Mousehole, a little fishing village near Penzance, Cornwall, England and he was born in Cornwall, england in 1890 and came to the United States in 1903, being naturalized in 1911.

Ida T. Blewett, 446 South Clark Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif. has no further information concerning her family.

IOWA

Mrs. H. S. Blewett, 84 Locust St., Dubuque, Iowa is a descendant of William Blewett, who was born in Cornwall, England in 1835, and came to the United States in 1848 and settled in Galena, Illinois and went to California during the Gold Rush, operating two wagon trains of thirty mules each train to California. Their children were, Elmire Blewett, who married John T. David; William Tethers Blewett, born 1886, died in 1935, married Emma Shoeman and had three children; Charles Blewett, who now resides in Cincinatti; Arthur Blewett, now residing in Rockford, Ill and Harry Shoeman Blewett residing in Dubuque, Iowa; Ethel Blewett who married Robinson and had three children, Myra, Helen and Arthur.

Charles Blewett lived in Seattle, died about 1921. Harry H. Blewett and Carrie Blewett of whom he had no further record.

D. R. Blewett, who died about 1942 at Galena, Ill, had one son, Quentin Blewett, who now resides in Batavia, Ill. Edward Blewett, who married Ollie Hewlett. Harry S. Blewett married Mary Brandt and had six children. Charles Edward Blewett, who lives in Brooklyn, New York. William T. lives in Dubuque, Iowa, Emma C. lives in Dubuque, Iowa and Betty Jane lives in Des Moines, Iowa and Roy R. lives in Dubuque, Iowa.

IDAHO

Rex R. Blewett, son of John Louis Blewett and America Lorton Blewett, who settled near Lewiston, Idaho and homesteaded on land, four miles west of Gifford, Idaho in 1901. He married Lily May Peer and to this union, six boys and eight girls were born, Veta, Blanche, who married Harry Louis Ruddell, Richard Milford Blewett, who married Phillis Carter, Mabel Blewett, who married Charles O. Calkins, Ney Lorton Blewett, who married Milton Sarbracher, Enid Blewett, who married Gilbert Geidl, Veda Blewett, who married Kenneth Hoduffer, Aaron Blewett, now lieutenant colonel in the Infantry and R.O.T.C. instructor at the University of Idaho. Pierce Blewett, who married Grace Peters, Irma Blewett, who married Charles Stegner, Lily Blewett, who married Ralph White and Rex Rowden Blewett, who is now a captain in the United States Infantry, stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He married Jean Mann. Mrs.

Aletha Blewett Pabst, daughter of Richard William Blewett and his wife, America Lorton Blewett, married Herman Pabst. Thelma Blewett married John Melliger. Nelson Richard Blewett married Louisa Fogarty. Inez Blewett married Ross Armatage.

KANSAS

Mrs. James Blewett of 819 South Bleckley Drive, Wichita, Kansas writes me that her husband is a son of Thomas Blewett and Anna Gagnon. He was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, July 1, 1921 and served five years in World WarII. At the time she wrote, her husband was confined in the Veterans Hospital in Wichita, Kansas.

MISSOURI

Thomas T. Blewett, Dean of Faculty, Christian College, Columbia, Missouri is a son of Thomas Laurie Blewett and Berthe Ecker Blewett.

Viola Blewett of Kansas City, Missouri writes me that she is a colored person and that she has little information concerning her ancestors, other than they at one time lived at Lexington, Missouri.

MASSACHUSETTS

Walter S. Blewett, 223 Park Drive, Boston, Mass. is the son of Henry Blewett, but gives no further information. Michael Blewett, No. 9 Richards Road, Watertown, Massachusetts and T. L. Blewett, 34 Prospect St., Charleston, Mass. have no information for me.

Eleanor Blewett of Charleston, Mass., writes me that her father, Thomas B. Blewett, came to Boston from County Cork, Ireland about seventy years ago. Gertrude Blewett Carrod, 35 Powder House Terrace, West Somerville, Mass. was a daughter of Rev. Edward Blewett who came to America in 1892.

MONTANA

Hon. Alex Blewett, Jr., son of Alexander H. C. Blewett, grandson of Henry Blewett and served in the Navy during World War II.

John Henry Blewett, 126 Capitol Hill, Walkerville, Montana, a posthumous son of John Blewett.

MICHIGAN

W. H. Blewett, 100 Minnesota Ave., Detroit, Michigan, son of William Blewett and Mary Roswarne, native of England, married Florence Sheppard.

Albert Blewett of 130894 Carlisle Drive, Detroit, Michigan gives me a lot of interesting information. I wish it were possible for me to give you all the information he has furnished me, but space will not allow. He tells me that his two brothers, Thomas John and Benjamin, married in South Africa and their descendants are still in that country. He is a son of Gabriel Blewett and Grace Blewett, and all of the five boys and two girls have passed on.

Mrs. Laura Blewett , 716 Mason St., Flint, Michigan writes me that her husband, Fred Blewett, passed away in Butte, Montana, prior to World War I and gives no further information.

William Francis Blewett is a son of Edwin Francis Blewett and Julia Berjak. He has no further information except that his grandfather passed away in San Jose, Calif. many years ago.

MINNESOTA

Miss Lena Blewett, 408 West 1st St., Duluth, Minnesota was born in Canada and a daughter of Wellington Blewett.

Willard R. Blewett who operates Blewett's Resort on Island Lake, Park Rapids, Minnesota, is a son of Charles Richard Blewett of Culpepper, Virginia, grandson of John Blewett, who came from Cornwall, England and settled in Ashley, Pennsylvania.

PENNSYLVANIA

Charles J. Blewett, president, Edgmont Machine Co., Philadelphia, Penns writes me that his family is no connection of ours whatever.

E. W. Blewett, 22 Culver St., Philadelphia, Penna. says he is a son of William Blewett, who came to America when he was nine years old. His grandfather, Henry Blewett, was born in Cornwall, England and came to America in 1849.

Mrs. Amanda Blewett Payne, Pleasant Mount, Pennsylvania, is a daughter of William Blewett, who came from Cornwall, England.

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